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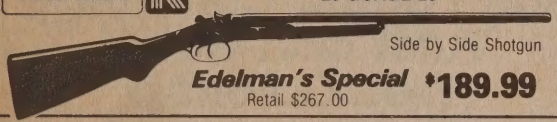

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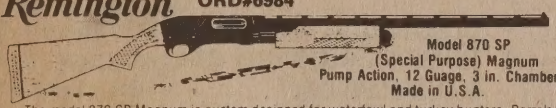

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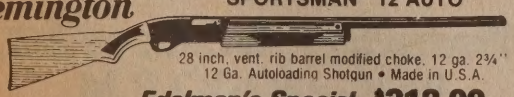

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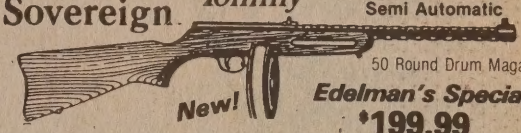

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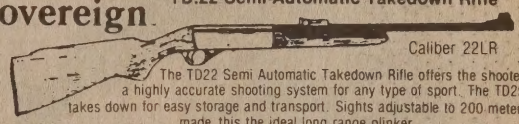

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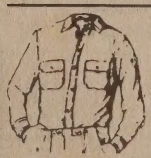

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The Fisherman staff was saddened to learn that Captain Paul Luisi passed away on September 29th. Paul was a familiar figure in Mill Basin and Sheepshead Bay and his boat, the Sailfin, a familiar craft in New York Bight.

For over 20 years, Paul skippered fishing charters out of Mill Basin. But due to failing health, two years ago Paul was forced to give up his boat. Several months ago, he retired to Florida.

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Lake trout fry, offspring of fish stocked in eastern Lake Ontario, have been discovered in numbers for the first time, a positive indication the species can be restored to the Lake.

The new discovery is particularly significant in light of recent studies that questioned the potential for such survival in the apparently very low dissolved oxygen conditions recorded in the general area. Prior to the trapping effort this year, only a single fry had been found.

The young trout were produced by adults originally stocked as yearlings by the New York State Department of Conservation (NYDEC), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS), and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in the 1970s and 1980s. The trout stocking is part of a long term program to reestablish lake trout in Lake Ontario by the three agencies. The fry were collected through a cooperative research project being conducted by NYDEC, Cornell University (through the New York Sea Grant Program), and the FWS.

2nd ATLANTIS ANGLERS CHARITY BLUEFISH TOURNEY TO BE HELD OCTOBER 18TH

Howard Sternberg, representing the Atlantis Anglers and tournament organizer has put together another charity bluefish tournament for 1986. If this year's tournament meets last year's quota, at least 2,000 lbs. in fillets will be donated to the Long Island Regional Food Bank, which serves senior citizen centers, halfway houses, shelters for the homeless, centers for abused children and non-profit day care centers. Saturday October 18th has been proclaimed by the Village of Freeport as "Freeport Charity Bluefish Day." A rain date has been set for October 25th.

Official weigh-in starting at 2:30PM followed by ceremonies commencing at 3:45 PM will take place at the Guy Lombardo, Town of Hempstead Marina located at the end of Guy Lombardo Ave. in Freeport. Congressman Norman F. Lent, State Senator Norman Levy, Presiding Supervisor for the town of Hempstead Thomas S. Gulotta and Mayor of Freeport Dorothy Storm will participate.

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FLOUNDER FISHING AT SURFSIDE III CLUB MEETING

The Surfside III Tuna Club will be presenting a demonstration on flounder fishing. This demonstration promises to be informative and rewarding. The club is also accepting applications for new members. This meeting will start promptly at 8:30 in the evening on October 16th at the Harbor House restaurant on Maple Ave., Bay Shore.

LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS AUCTION

The Long Island Flyrodders will present their 2nd Annual used Tackle Auction on Monday, October 20th at 7PM in the Hicksville Public Library, Jerusalem Ave., Hicksville, NY (one block south of Old Country Rd.). Bidding is open to the public for fishing equipment, hunting equipment, camping equipment, and outdoor supplies.

For additional information, call Roger Mims at (516) 798-8535.

FISH SIZE LIMITS INCREASED

A new law provides for an eight inch minimum size limit for the recreational taking of winter flounder as it is for commercial taking of winter flounder. Minimum size limits are a fishery management strategy that allows a fish to reproduce and contribute to the population before being harvested.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) scientific studies have revealed that most female winter flounder are mature at age two, or approximately eight inches in total length. Therefore, an eight-inch minimum size limit would maintain spawning populations at a high enough level to perpetuate the species, and in the long run, benefit the commercial and recreational fisheries.

The new law also establishes a 15 inch minimum size limit for Atlantic cod. This minimum size limit is also based on biological data collected by the New England Fishery Management Council.

The new law also establishes a standard measuring technique for marine fish which will aid DEC in enforcing minimum size limits which are frequently violated by non-resident fishermen. The technique uses the total length of the fish, defined as the longest straight-line measurement from the anterior or forward part of the fish, with the jaws closed, to the tip of the tail.

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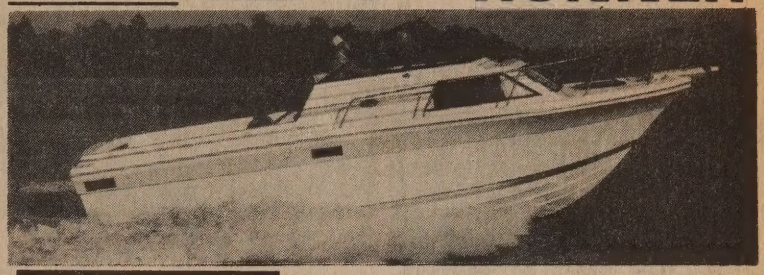

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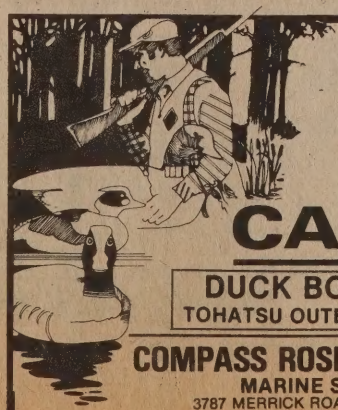

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by Pete Barrett

Hydra-Sports has been real busy in the year from 1985 to 1986 adding new models to their line of saltwater fishing boats. There's even more on the way for 1987 as shown at the recent International Marine Trades Show in Chicago and it is obvious they are clearly on the move. From the viewpoint of fishermen, the new models offer good ride, generous cockpit spaces and increased fishability.

Among the new additions for 1986, and the boat we'll be looking at here, was the 6.6 meter dual console. To unify the naming of all their models, the 6.6 is now known as the 2200DC Dual Console and it is based on the same hull as the 2200CC Center Console. Hydra-Sports has become famous for their rugged construction and the gentle way they handle all kinds of seas.

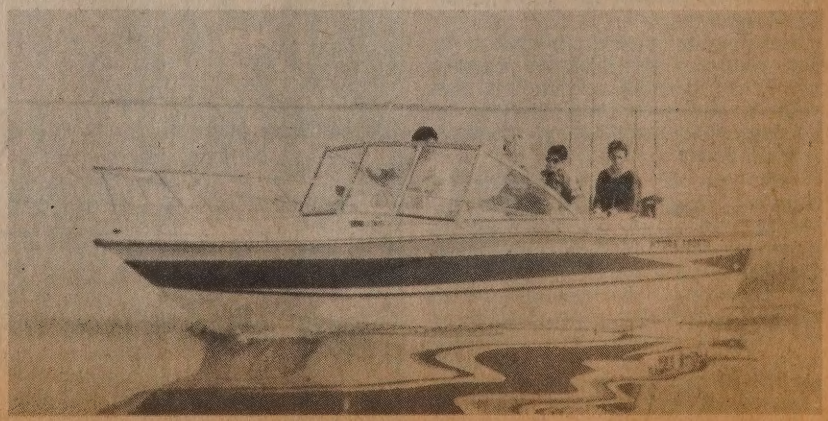
The hull design follows this company's trend to use the deep vee or modified vee in all their boats. The combination of lifting strakes and down angled chines work together on this boat for fast planing and one of the best rides you'll find for a 22 footer. The deep forefoot cuts through bay chop as well as offshore white water. The wide flaring bow adds good looks and deflects spray away from the windshield very nicely in all but the worst of quartering winds off the bow.

The chine design also provides a relatively stable platform for fishing. She doesn't snap roll and is very comfortable to fish in, whether drifting belly strips for fluke or trolling tubes for bluefish.

Much of the 2200DC is traditional: the rope rub rail, stainless steel welded bow rail, stainless and marinium hardware, stainless lift and tow eyes and smoothly finished gel coat. Under the guidance of Roy Axe, the workmanship of the Hydra-Sports has never been better.

What is different is the walk-through design, hence, the dual consoles: one at each side of the walk-through windshield. Walk-throughs certainly were not first thought of by Hydra-Sports but their treatment of he foredeck and the ample room it gives fishermen is praiseworthy. Its room, storage and overall fishability make this boat one of the best of this de sign.

The windshield frame is sturdy epoxy coated aluminum and the center portion folds out of the way to port and locks in the open position. Entry is now unobstructed to the bow deck. There is enough room here for two anglers to stand side by side for drift fishing. Storage hatches are built into the raised decks at each side of the foredeck providing the best storage. At the center is another hatch that drains overboard which can be used for extra anchor gear, dock ropes or as a fish box as the angler desires. The standard anchor locker is under the short bow, covered by a louvered teak door and with sufficient space for the anchor and 200



feet of rode.

The port console has ample room on its top side to mount a recorder, small video scope or LCD unit and a small Loran. Additional gear can be stowed inside the console via the teak access door. The windshield is well mounted to the consoles with braces from the console tops to the top edges of the aluminum frame for maximum strength. Pompanette helm chairs provide seating at each console.

The aft cockpit is huge with space for up to three anglers standing side by side. The deck is non-skid with a pattern that grips well, yet doesn't skin your knuckles when scrubbing off dried fish blood. A live well is built into the deck just ahead of the splash well and is circular in design.

Under the gun'ls at each side are rod holders with teak patterns to grip the rods while tips are nicely stowed into tubes fitting into the molded liner. Rods up to 8 feet in length can be stowed without worry of damaging the tips. A happy thought for those of us who like to fish, not clean teak are the molded fiberglass trim borders around the rod racks.

A teak capped splash well runs across the transom to keep water out without making it too difficult to get to the edge of the transom. Five rod holders are built-in; a very handy way to store rods while traveling from one fishing spot to another.

Storage boxes are molded into each corner of the stern to hold rigged baits, bottom rigs, small lures, tube rigs, prepared baits or even soft drinks on ice. The boxes lift out for access to the batteries. Pyro hatches give access into the bilges to reach the bilge pump and for installation of transducers and wash down pumps. The transom is configured for either dual or single outboards, Sea Drives and stern drives.

There are options available from Hydra-Sports or as dealer installed items including Bimini top, rockt launcher style seats, small fight chair and outriggers. Standard gear includes Coast Guard approved lighting, self-bailing decks, bilge pump and high quality construction.

The 2200DC is a good choice for the fisherman who needs a roomy boat for duty in bays and inshore waters. It will delight both the family and fishing buddies and can be used as a platform for everything from inshore fluke and trout to blues and sharks in the offshore grounds.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Length	22'
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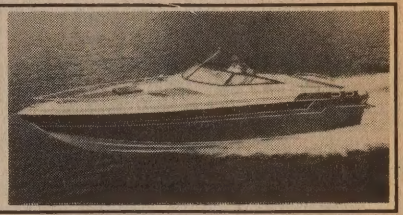

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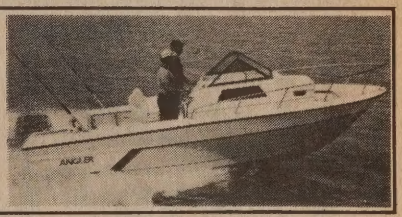

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RYOBI T-1 AND T-2 BAITCASTER

by Cap Garridy

Last year, Ryobi America introduced a totally new baitcasting reel aimed at the heart of the top-of-the-line casting reel market. With the new ideas and design concepts incorporated into this reel and the commitment to quality from the inside out, Ryobi designated the reel as "The One," a bold name in this highly competitive area of the tackle business.

This writer was able to get his hands on one of the first T-1s early last summer and has been fishing the pants off it ever since. The reel is loaded with so many features, several of which are unusual and unique, that I was somewhat skeptical about its performance before I got to use it. What would you think about a reel that has no star drag adjustment, can convert from right to left hand retrieve just like a spinning reel, converts from a baitcasting reel to a flippin' reel and is made up of all graphite components? Gimmick, right? That was what I thought until I started fishing it.

Ryobi has hit a home run with this baitcasting reel. It has a feel that is at home on the most advanced baitcasting rods. It lets you know that there were no corners cut in its design and its production. The size of the reel is right, with a different profile than other baitcasters. The shape is low to the rod and fits the hand in a very comfortable manner. Its extra large power handle has long grips so they can't slip from your fingers.

Take a look at the reel in the picture and see if you can spot what's missing. That's right; no star wheel for setting the drag tension. It looks a little weird without it, but it does away with another place on reels of this type that always seems to catch a stray loop of line at an inopportune moment. To set the drag, there is a little button on the top of the reel that you

depress and then you just turn the reel handle forward for more tension or backwards to decrease it. Simple and neat. It also makes it easier to change your drag setting while fighting a fish, since you don't have to let go of the handle to make the change.

Under fishing conditions the drag works very well. It is widely adjustable, affording good drag range and it is smooth. I gave it a couple of torture tests just to make sure. First it came bluefishing with me and tackled these toothy critters that ran up to 12 lbs., making short work of them. Still wanting to abuse the drag a little more, I brought it along on a light tackle shark trip to the Chesapeake Bay and used it on brown sharks that ranged up to 50 lbs. They ran 12 pound test line off the reel like no tomorrow, but the drag never faltered. No chatter, jerk or hitch the whole time.

But this reel is most at home bass fishing, which is what it was designed for. The magnetic cast control works. A lot of reels come with magnetic cast controls nowadays, but some are more ornamental than functional. This control provides the adjustability that makes a magnetic control do what it is supposed to, not hamper your casting, but aid it under conditions like fishing into the wind, casting very light lures and winging those long casts with crankbaits so you can get the maximum depth from the plugs.

How about more bassin' features? It can be converted to a flippin' reel by throwing a lever. It has a "Touch 'n Trip" thumb bar for one-handed operation when putting the reel into free spool. It has a ceramic line guide to help prevent line wear. The gearing is a fast 5 to 1 ratio. The construction is graphite for the frame, side plates and even the spool which make the reel weigh in at only 7.9 ounces. It incorporates two stainless steel ball bearings along with two oil-less bushings for a velvety smooth feeling when you turn the handle. Oh yes, as I mentioned at the beginning of this review, the reel is convertible from right to left hand retrieve as easily as a modern spinning reel and provides this feature without adding unwanted size or bulk to the reel.

With all this going for it, what more could you ask for from "The One?" Well, how about a heavy duty freshwater/light saltwater model with more line capacity. Ryobi already took care of that request, too. In their 1987 product catalog, Ryobi is introducing the "T-2," with all the features of the "T-1" plus it will hold 200 yards of 20 lb. test, has a bigger drag surface, a clicker for free spool bait fishing, a 4.7 to 1 retrieve ratio and it sitll weighs in at only 11.4 ounces.

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I recently replaced the drag washers on my favorite spinning reel and now I can't adjust the drag to give me the amount of pressure I feel is necessary to handle bigger fish. Have you heard of anyone else having this problem? I don't want to have the reel re-built, but as it now stands, I can't use it. What would you do if you were in my position? *George Long.*

Dear George,

You fail to mention what type drag washers you installed on the reel, but I assume you put Teflon washers in place of the type originally used by the manufacturer. Any other material would give you some adjustment but the Teflon is slick and does not tighten down, so there is very little actual drag. Most of the fishermen who used the Teflon did so because they could apply any necessary drag by using their palm to control the slippage. I do not suggest this unless you are an accomplished angler for you could, and probably will, break off some fish while learning how to apply pressure with your hand rather than with the built-in drag system of your reel.

What I would do is to replace the drag washers with the same type as the original equipment. Most tackle shops stock drag washers and will, if necessary, replace yours at a reasonable cost.

A lot of fishermen tried using the Teflon washers but quickly went back to original equipment upon discovering that they could not get enough drag or could not learn how to palm the spool without causing lines to break under heavy stress. We certainly have had letters and phone calls from other fishermen who went through what you are now learning.

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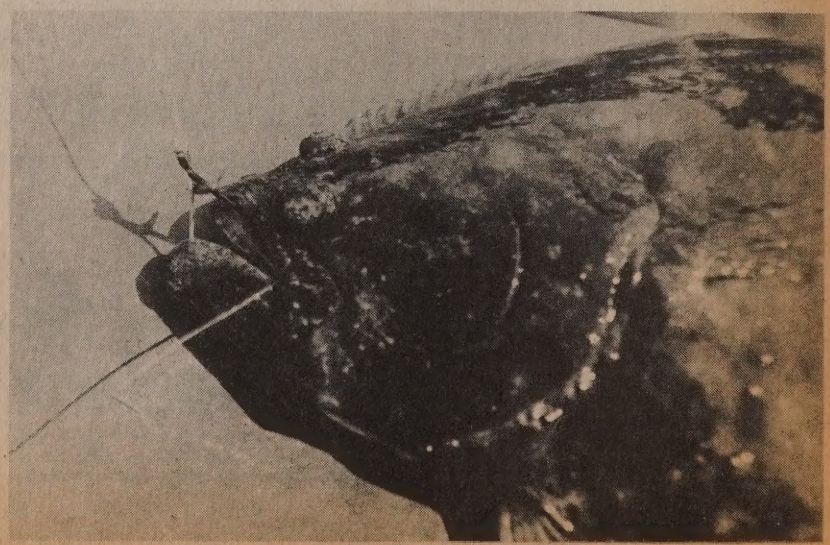
Dear Doc,

The other day I was fishing from one of the rock piles where I usually try for blackfish and noticed a couple other anglers were using old spark plugs instead of lead sinkers. They said it saves them a lot of money since the used spark plugs are easy to obtain free at any gas station or repair shop. I like the idea of saving money, but am concerned that the sinkers might scare the fish I am trying to catch. What's your opinion about using spark plugs in place of the usual lead sinkers? And, how do you tie them to the line?

Tommy O'Rourke.

Dear Tommy,

How many sinkers do you lose during a normal season of fishing the



Deeply hooked fluke have a better chance for survival if you simply cut your leader. This one took two baits.

rock piles? Is it really worth it to use a spark plug in place of the sinker? I, too, have seen jetty fishermen using the old spark plugs and cannot see any reason for them doing it. Old plugs are usually grease covered, messy to handle and cumbersome to cast. True, they do save some cash but is it really worth the effort?

The easiest way to attach a spark plug to your line is to use a knot that will slip. The Uni-Knot is a prime example since once it is tied you can tighten it down around the neck of the spark plug to keep it firmly attached. Then, you use a loop knot above the plug so your bait is close to bottom.

I'll stick with the traditional bank style sinker when fishing rock infested waters and suffer whatever sinker losses that occur. I may spend a few extra dollars each year, but feel the cost of replacing lost sinkers is minimal at best.

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Dear Doc,

I need a little help. This year has been one of my best ever for catching summer flounder. Some days we had up to 100 fish on the boat and were trying to be very selective in choosing those we wanted to keep and others that were released. The major problem was removing the hook so the fish was in reasonably good condition to survive after being released. Some of the smaller fluke took the hook into their gullet and were already bleeding when we lifted them into the boat. Others were hooked lightly in the mouth or around the jaw so there was no apparent damage to their system.

I like to catch and release unwanted fish, but am very concerned that many of the fish I toss back do not survive. If this is true, I'd rather keep them than see them go to waste.

Donald Hanson.

Dear Don,

Under no circumstances is a gut-hooked fish going to survive if you yank the hook out and damage its innards! The law is, however, very clear: any fish that does not meet the minimum size requirement must be released (in your state that is 14 inches for fluke). If the fish is gut-hooked, why not cut the leader and leave the hook in the fish. Unless you are using a stainless steel hook it will probably rust out in a couple weeks. Lip hooked fish will more than likely make it if they are handled properly and not squeezed too tightly when attempting to remove the hook. Any fish that has been hooked in or around the mouth will also survive provided you make sure it is not too exhausted before being released. Striped bass, for instance, will often come to the beach or boat in a totally exhausted state. If you tried to turn them loose in this condition they would turn belly up and die in minutes. But, if you treat them gently and allow them time to recover from the shock of being caught, their chances of survival are very good.

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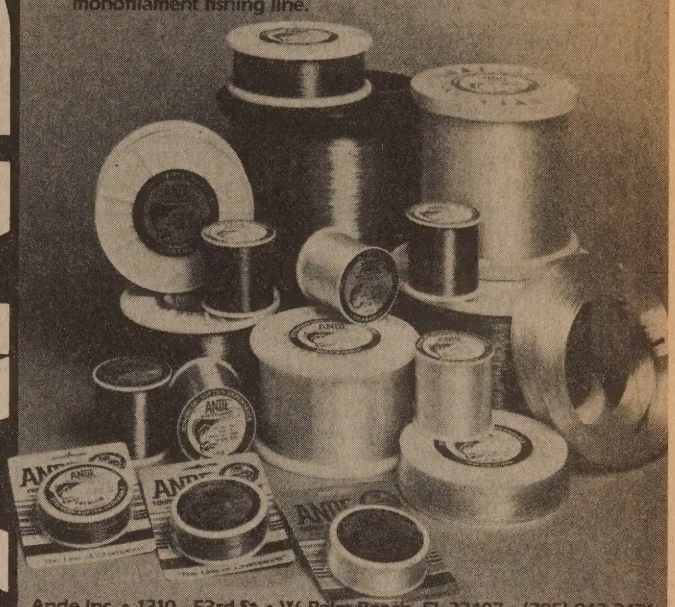

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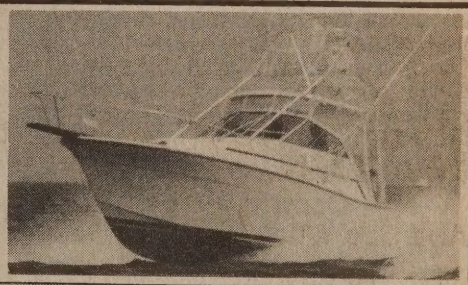

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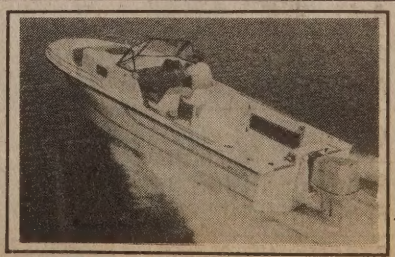

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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES: SMITHTOWN REEF

by John Raguso

As we wind down another season for the Atlantic Wreck Series, this week's installment covers an amalgam of sunken hulks scuttled intentionally to form one of Long Island Sound's most productive man-made fish havens, namely the Smithtown Artificial Reef.

This project was initiated in 1975, with the original intent to stack-up organized rows of three-tire pyramids ballasted by concrete, thereby forming a medium profile structure that would attract and congregate sport fish in this location. The driving force behind this project was marine biologist Steven Resler, who is now the harbormaster for the Town of Smithtown. Besides his everyday duties as harbormaster, Mr. Resler has the satisfaction of seeing firsthand, many of the town's recreational boaters enjoying the reef he and 200 other volunteer divers and construction personnel labored at for nine years to create. Chet Zawacki of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) also had a guiding hand in this reef-building project, as well as the efforts from some local construction firms who donated the five barges and 250 ton concrete cylinders that make up the structure's primary high-profile foundation.

The concept of artificial reefs is not new, as the Japanese have been using man-made underwater structures to attract concentrations of fish for centuries. They've even gotten so scientific about it that they now construct artificial reefs out of various high-tech materials such as prefabricated, glass-reinforced sections that snap together like large erector sets.

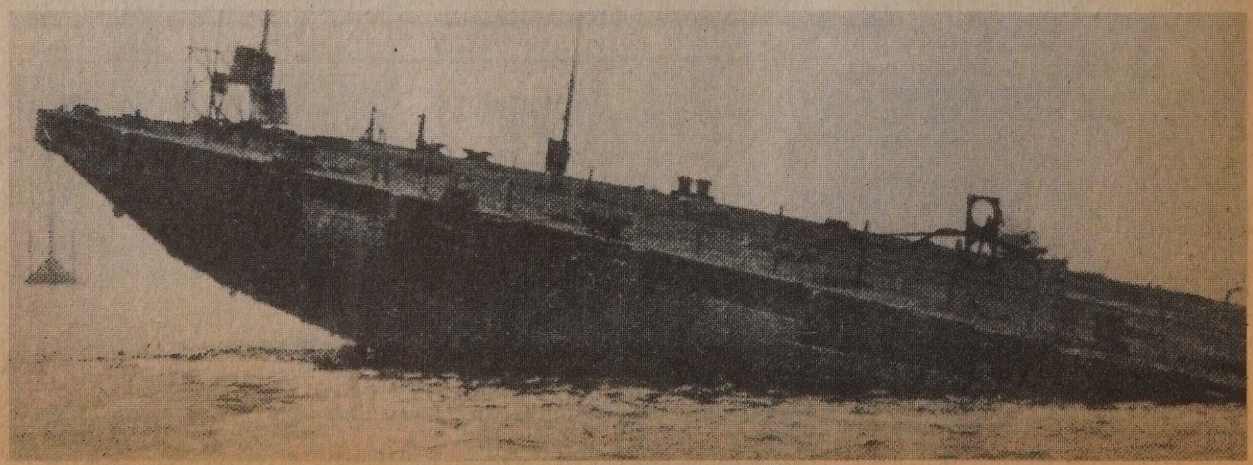
According to a report published in the New York Times on the topic of artificial reefs, "The Japanese have experimented with a variety of reef materials and designs. Using computer models, the Japanese have designed reefs for various applications, water depths and types of fish, such as abalone or shellfish. These reefs can be built to any size desired, towed to their intended resting place and then sunk.

"While Federal financing for artificial reefs has dried up, the Japanese in 1974 began a multi-billion dollar research and construction program. Unlike most American efforts, which were designed to improve recreational fishing, the Japanese program was aimed at enriching coastal waters for commercial fishing.

"Marine engineers have identified many fish preferences, and they design artificial reefs accordingly. Like other animals, fish prefer well-lighted areas with emergency exits. Small fish also seek a place to rest, so reefs are often built at right angles to the prevailing currents, providing shelter on their leeward side.

"Once towed to its location and sunk, a reef needs little work. It starts attracting fish as soon as it slips beneath the waves, and plants and marine animals immediately begin to attach themselves to the structure. Within days, fish start congregating around it, although they might not feed off it for sometime. In addition to food and shelter, it is thought that artificial reefs provide fish with reference points, like underwater landmarks. Mr. Steven Resler claims that fish are thigmotropic; that is, they are attracted to solid objects. In an aquarium with sand on one side and rock on the other, Mr. Resler said that fish invariably avoid the sandy portion and congregate around the rock."

Getting back to how this all relates to the Smithtown Artificial Reef, the structure was conceived to have many nooks and crannies where baitfish could find both food and shelter from predators. Studies have found that reefs with a moderately high profile of 12 to 15 feet have the most success of not only attracting and holding fish onto the structure, but they also possess the greatest resistance to storm damage and the inevitable siltration process that plagues all reef structures. That was the strategy behind Mr. Resler's plan to augment the original goal of tire pyramids with some additional semi-permanent, higher profile structure, and that's where the old barges came into play. The original concept of the tires grouped in sets of threes and ballasted by concrete anchors was the best idea to make the reef a reality, considering that this was a strictly volunteer effort with no funding source. However, the relatively low 4 to 6 foot profile that the tire stacks presented on the sea bed didn't offer any long-term solution to the sanding-up process caused by the area's various currents. The first barge was towed to the spot and sunk in 1979, followed by another barge in 1981,



One of the barges that comprise the reef.

one more in 1982 and finally two additional barges scuttled here in 1984, bringing the total up to five barges. These vessels now give the Smithtown Reef an underwater profile that comes up as high as 15 feet off the bottom and provide the substrate that allows barnacles and other marine organisms to attach themselves to the structure, thereby attracting baitfish to this stationary food supply and beginning the "chain of life" that is so important in ensuring the success of this effort in future seasons.

I was fortunate to track down Steve Resler, one of the original forces behind this project, in my research to find out more about the reef. Steve said that the site in Smithtown Bay was selected for a number of reasons. First, the area is centrally located and gives anglers from many other parts of the Long Island Sound an opportunity to fish the area. Secondly, the sea bed configuration here was conducive to building the reef. There is a deep slope immediately to the south of the reef's location that supplies a deep water exit for the fish if they are threatened. The reef itself rests on a fairly deep 38 to 40 foot plateau that is relatively close to shore. Another reason that this made sense for the home of the Smithtown Artificial Reef was the protection that Crane's Neck Point offers from severe winter storms that tend to generate from the northeast. The lee provided by this landmass will help negate the harmful currents that tend to erode the structure over the course of time.

From a fishing perspective, the Smithtown reef is home to a number of inshore groundfish. Blackfish are the number one species to be found on the reef site, with sea bass, porgies, fluke, flounder and baitfish such as spearing, butterfish and bergalls to be found here as well. Predators such as bluefish, weakfish and striped bass also visit the reef to feed on its abundant natural resources.

Steve suggested that if you visit the Smithtown Reef, don't use any good ground tackle, because it's likely to get hung-up on the debris strewn bottom. The locals use either grappling hooks, cinder blocks or other disposable-type anchors. The reef is marked at each corner by a 3½ to 4 foot orange buoy with white horizontal bands, so it should be fairly easy to find even if you don't have a Loran C unit. These markers are privately maintained and they mark the perimeter of the structure from April until they are hauled out in November. A rusting brownish-colored can marks the center of the reef, and this is tied directly to one of the barges, in this case the 190 by 40 foot steel vessel. This buoy remains up all year-round as the only permanent indication of the reef's location. Steve Resler said that the biggest blackfish seem to come from this structure, from a break in the barge's hull, some 50 feet to the west of the buoy.

THE SMITHTOWN ARTIFICIAL REEF

Vital Statistics

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Year Completed: 1984
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Reef Materials: 80 foot wood barge; 190 foot steel barge; 190 foot wood barge; 250 foot wood barge; 350 foot wood/steel barge; 22,000 tires in bands of 3 each; 6 steel cylinders filled with concrete (40 foot by 12 foot each)
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MORE TALES OF YORE AND STUFF

by Matt Ahern

Our resident sinker bouncer spins some yarns of days gone by.

Well—I've done it again. I've run another ringer on you. I first wrote this story a few years ago. The response by readers was truly amazing. "More!" they said. "Write more like that. Tell us how it was." Well, I did and I continue to do so, but not too often, for even a continuous diet of Benny Hill becomes boring.

But then the other day I received three letters wanting to know more about my boyhood chums mentioned in that story written, as I say, several years ago. Well, right off, I don't have all that many, enough, that is, to warrant a full-fledged article without much padding. And anyone who writes will tell you that padding is the death knell of a good story. Hence this repeat, the one that began all the "ruckus."

And there's another reason. You'll read about it later.

It is difficult for me to believe so much water has passed under that proverbial bridge since being knee-high to that grasshopper. I've caught a heck of a lot of fish during that time and in so doing have lived a more or less strenuous life—depending, of course, how one looks at it.

I have lived through four wars and can recall troops leaving for Camp Upton during the first World War—not knowing, of course, that eventually I would find myself in that same camp during World War II. Now, I know this is a deuce of a way to start a story about old-time fishing, but there's a reason. . .there's a reason.

As one of the many kids in my old Brooklyn neighborhood, there were but three sports of interest I can recall: fishing, baseball and football. These were it. As far as we kids were concerned, sports such as basketball, hockey, bowling, etc., were just about unheard of and raised no enthusiasm at all—although we did play soccer in school. I've often wondered what would have happened to a kid living in that tough neighborhood those days who dared ask: "Tennis, anyone?" Quite likely, he'd be bouncing yet. But anyway, that's the way things were in my old Brooklyn neighborhood.

I had little interest in baseball, and none at all in football. My one and only love was fishing and as I've often said in similar stories and articles, in this I was indeed lucky, or fortunate, or whatever you wish to call it. I was at the right place at the right time, for my old Brooklyn neighborhood abounded with old-timers who excelled at the bottom fishing game.

As a fishing fanatic from the word go, I was hungry for knowledge. Nothing's changed since then. I'm still that eager beaver. If I've learned anything about fishing in over 60 years at the game, it is this: I don't know a damned thing about it! I still get "skunked"; I still have far to go. I've recently come to the conclusion that what I have learned is but a mere scratching of the surface. And that perhaps that's all I'm permitted to know.

But in seeking knowledge during my tender years, I did meet some interesting characters. I knew old-timers who had party boat fished during the days of sail, some of who had fished through the wondrous days of paddle-wheeled two and three-decker party boats. And even old "Pinky" Troutman, who fought in the Civil War and regaled me with fishing stories in a squeaky, cracked voice. I recall them all, but sad to say, they were already ancient and had long since given up fishing because of advanced age.

It was the old-timers who came after them that I remember best of all.

These super fishermen were then in their late 60s, 70s and perhaps one or two in their early 80s. (As tough a bunch of cookies as you can imagine.) They were set in their ways and would brook no nonsense from young "whippersnappers" like me—that is, until I learned to hold my tongue and listen respectfully.

Now that I've arrived at old-timer status myself, I can tell you that as that young "whippersnapper," I was wrong and they were right time and again, and they never once gave me misinformation pertaining to the hundreds of questions I asked—although they easily could have in order to "teach me a thing or two" about respect.

Now, it is true I spent a great amount of time with these crackerjack fishermen, but I also chummed with boys my own age. It was here where "knock 'em down and drag 'em out" arguments about how and where to fish became heated. We didn't know much, but we sure gave the impression we did. And thus we learned. If problems became too difficult to unravel, we went to the old-timers for guidance. It was a great way for us kids to learn the fishing game—no question about that.

I fished with many kids those days, but I actually had but three close friends with whom I was truly content. One, of course, is Artie Leidecker, whom I first met in 1920, and with whom I still fish today. Then there was Aaron Feldman, a kid I got to love like a brother. And skinny, tow-headed Jimmy Anderson who never ceased to amaze me with his antics. Jimmy was the fearless neighborhood kid who "wouldn't take a dare," and because of this got himself into many a scrape he could have avoided. But Jimmy was Jimmy and that was it.

While we four shared a love for the bottom fishing game, it was Jimmy who first discovered the potential of nighttime weakfishing. I well remember the July morning when he came to me and asked if I knew anything about weakfishing. Not a thing, I told him. Well, he said, he had been lafayette fishing from the Canarsie pier the day before and he'd overheard several fishermen telling about the fantastic nighttime weakfishing in the Bay around old Barren Island. A boat would be needed, he said, so maybe we should ask the old-timers how to go about it. If it wasn't too difficult, maybe we should take a crack at it.

No sooner said than done.

Well, the old-timers advised us we should use whippy rods for the most sport, three foot leaders tied to the end of the main line, 3/0 snelled hooks and perhaps one or two split shot to keep the whole sandworm bait below the surface as we drifted with the current. Sounded simple enough, although finding the proper rods was

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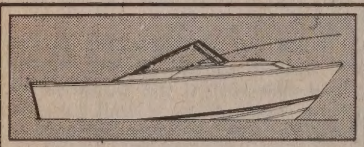

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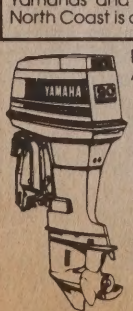

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a problem. But this was eventually solved when a freshwater trout fishing neighbor loaned us two old split bamboo fly rods, complete with single action reels.

Several days later, Jimmy and I made our first weakfishing trip. We travelled by trolley car to Barren Island where we hired a rowboat (50 cents—no deposit), bought three dozen sand worms, each as big as a horse's leg (15 cents a dozen), piled our gear into the boat, placed the two sets of oars in the oarlocks, and we were off. Our total fishing expense: less than one buck. Ah, me!

Although we didn't think it would ever become dark, it did. And when it did, we began to fish for weakfish exactly as we were told. It became chill and damp as night air settled over us. And scary. We had anchored just about in the middle of the bay, where the Marine Parkway Bridge now crosses today. (Those days one had to take a ferry to get from Barren Island, Brooklyn to the Rockaways.)

As I say, it became scary and I believe old fearless Jimmy was having second thoughts. I know I was. When a boy is 13, his imagination works pretty good. We could see distant shore lights and except for an occasional peal of shrill laughter from some "crazy" person, we felt that only we were alive in this big, mysterious world. We sat quiet and subdued, each wrapped in his own scary thoughts, each wishing to be home, but not wanting to admit it first.

And then it happened!

Jimmy's reel went into high gear and he let out a yelp. We could see nothing, though in the night's silence we could clearly hear the line hiss through the black water. Jimmy had hooked his first weakfish. No one told us we'd need a net (I guess the old-timers figured we weren't **that** dumb), and we were too stupid to think of it; so we did the next best thing. When the fish tired, I bent over the side of the boat and grasped the leader as close to the hook as possible. I then flipped the unwilling victim into the rowboat. (We used this caveman tactic with every weakfish that night and never lost one. Just two lucky kids, that's all.)

I have no record of that trip because I didn't begin to keep fishing records until 1928 and this first weakfishing trip happened two years before that. I think we fished until midnight (our parents didn't worry simply because we were good swimmers and there never was the trouble in the streets as there is today). I'm not certain of the number of fish we brought home, but 14 seems a familiar figure. These fish weren't large by any means, just run-of-the-mill schoolies about 2 lbs. each. But it was those weakfish that opened a whole new type of fishing for Jimmy and me.

As I say, a lot of water has come and gone since those days, but one evening last summer my wife and I sat snuggled together and holding hands in the back seat of the car being driven by my son-in-law, with my daughter and grandchild beside him. (Yes, my wife and I still hold hands like "young whippersnappers"). As I say, I was sitting in the rear seat of the car, more or less dozing off, when I heard, and quite distinctly the echo of two long ago 12/13 year old fishermen yelling and screaming like banshees from another world as they hooked or lost a weakfish in the dark night. I clearly heard Jimmy Anderson yell in vexation: "Ya knocked him off the hook, ya dummy!" I was shocked, for you see Jimmy was killed during the invasion of Sicily in July, 1943. My wife claims it was my imagination working overtime, and that it was only bridge and road noises I heard. But yet I don't know. I'm not entirely convinced.

And then there was my other buddy, Aaron Feldman, one of the kindest, easiest, gentlest kids I ever knew. Aaron seemed always to be smiling; but what he had to smile about was beyond me. His folks owned the neighborhood candy store, and they had a tough row to hoe. A kid with a candy store was reason enough for any sensible boy to keep on Aaron's good side. Aaron was maybe 10 years old when his family moved into the neighborhood, but it wasn't until several years later Aaron and I began fishing together.

Aaron realized he wasn't a spectacular fisherman by any means; he knew he would never attain the finesse of a Jimmy Anderson or an Artie Leidecker. But by golly he was good company. And when you showed or told Aaron how to do something, hook snelling, let's say, or riggings, you never had to tell him twice. Aaron was one sharp kid. He caught on immediately, often offering shortcuts to do the job better.

Aaron and I did a lot of snapper or lafayette fishing from the Canarsie pier those days. And because of this, we discovered the party boats. They intrigued us no end. I remember the Pioneer II, the Tambo II and the Rose R II (I became a mate on her years later). Aaron was all for trying party boat fishing in the worst way and as we became older, we looked for opportunities to earn some money for the necessary fare.

It was tough going. But after school we would walk the neighborhood streets for salvageable materials (junk) and on Saturday mornings we would place all our "treasures" in a hand wagon and cart it to the legal thief who owned the local junkshop.

We carefully saved our hard-earned money and also added to it whatever was gotten by running errands, etc. (which meant no candy for me—and without candy a boy's life is listless, indeed). I recall Aaron saying that if I was willing to give up candy, he would too—though he could have gotten his for free. Being frugal in this respect also meant no movies and all those things kids enjoy. If it hadn't been for Mrs. Feldman

sneaking us a Tootsie Roll now and then and Mr. Feldman passing each of us an occasional Merry Mell with the admonishment of "Don't tell mama," we would have fallen by the wayside from sheer want.

Aaron and I did quite a bit of party boat fishing together, and would you believe it, he became a masterful blackfisherman. And most of us will agree, the art of blackfishing is conceded to be most difficult of all for us sinker bouncers. But those blackfish were gone goslings when Aaron lowered his green crab or fiddler-baited hooks overside.

Aaron won many a blackfish pool those days, and because Aaron was Aaron, he always made sure to put aside part of his winnings to assure that he and I would no longer find it necessary to scrounge around looking for junk and five cent return milk bottles.

Aaron also believed in sharing the wealth and when we went party boat fishing, it was heavy on the supply of the boat's soda pop. I remember one time Captain Jack of the Pioneer II saying (after watching us slurp down bottle after bottle) "You kids are sure as hell going to get sick with all that junk in your stomachs." But we never did. What Captain Jack forgot was that every healthy boy believes with every waking moment that he has a cast iron stomach and because of this belief, he is foolishly of the opinion that his stomach is to be treated accordingly. Lord preserve us!

Over the years I've occasionally written about Aaron Feldman, but not too often because we didn't fish together all that long. Aaron was killed on Guadalcanal in August, 1942.

I sorely miss Aaron and Jimmy, for they were good, sincere friends and buddies. I am not alone in this. Last summer Artie and I (we both came home from the war none the worse for wear) were fluke fishing off Jones Inlet on Artie's "Echo," and during one part of the day, Artie turned to me and said: "This summer Jimmy and Aaron will be gone over 40 years." I needed no reminder. Artie didn't mean to, of course, but the rest of the day was spoiled. We packed up and left.

You know, fellers, I was just thinking: maybe I had better quit this while I'm ahead. As I sit before this typewriter, I find myself becoming filled with remorse and regret, which may not be too good for me at my age. I'll leave this for another time, another time when I don't feel so strongly the effects of such bitter-sweet memories.

In the beginning of this story, I mentioned another reason for writing it. Here it is: a month or so ago I mentioned that I had a supply of old, old loose hooks, the same type Jimmy and Aaron and I used to use over 50 years ago. They were given to me by Mr. Ronald Setnikar of Mastic. They have no ringed eyes as do those today—I suppose one could call them collector's items. Every hook is in good condition, no rust, etc. There are four types (I found an extra pattern after I'd written the first article). These are: #4 and #5 Mustad-Virginia hooks, which we used for blackfishing, 3/0 long-shanked Mustad-Carlisles, used for fluke in those long gone days (with serrated shank) and 4/0 Sproats, which we used for sea bass and fluke. The Virginia and Sproat hooks have flattened shanks.

In order to help out The Fisherman's "Send A Kid Fishing" fund, I offered these to Fisherman readers at a buck apiece—all money to be sent to the kid's fund. The response was good—not overwhelming, but good. I still have a slew of hooks left (Mr. Setnikar sent me hundreds).

Now—if you want one of these hooks, send me a buck for the type you wish. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to my home 39 King Street, Hampton Bays, NY 11946-2220. (Not to the office; they do not have the hooks there.) I'll send your hook, or hooks, by return mail. I will also return any money not used. (If you are short a stamp for the return envelope, I will supply the stamp—glad to do it.)

Let's try our damndest to keep the kids away from many of the horrible conditions which exist today. Let's make it so that kids won't have to scrounge the neighborhood for "junk" in order to go fishing—as Aaron and I did. The kids will love you for it—believe me, I know.

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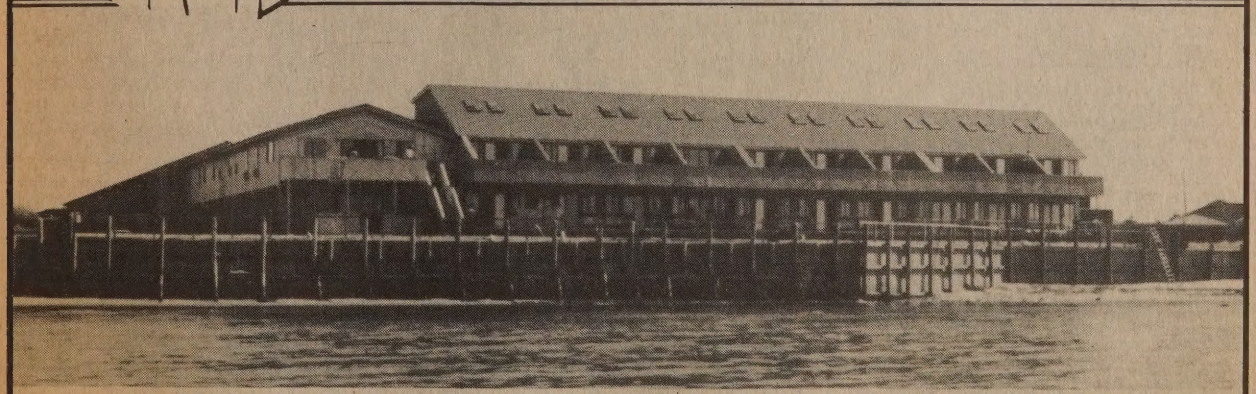

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MAGIC AT DAWN

by Tom Schlichter

Sunrise is prime time to tangle with migrating blues in the autumn surf.

Picture this scene: The sun is just cresting the eastern horizon as an early morning October's wave gently laps against the shore. Down the beach to your left, just out of earshot, a tight flock of sea gulls and several fast diving terns work frantically over a small school of baitfish. You don your waders and head out past the small breakers to stand in line with five other casters. Nothing more than the slight nod of a head from the nearest fisherman greets your arrival.

"Looks like the perfect morning," you think to yourself while your sense begin to adjust to the surroundings. The smell of the sea fills your nostrils, while the damp chill of the morning's surf settles on your face. You can taste the salt in the water, even though you haven't touched a wave with your bare skin and the sound of the birds is now barely audible. To your rear, the gentle surf echoes its background noise off the dunes. The only sound out of tune is the clicking of bails and, maybe, the occasional loud squawk of a disgruntled sea gull as it leaves the tight flock of birds down the beach in search of less competition.

Just as you are about to let fly with another cast, a different sound catches your attention. You turn quickly to the right and spot a huge boil where a bluefish has just surfaced. "They're here!" you think almost out loud—but to speak seems so out of place that you try to not even mouth the thought. As you prepare to cast, you can feel your body suddenly flush with warmth.

WHAM! The surface erupts with 12 lbs. of thrashing bluefish as the slammer stops your tin before it travels a foot. The entire scene has changed now and the same location that seemed so serene only a minute

Matt Martin with a brace of blues that fell to tin in the early morning.

ago is now asunder with a battle of life or death between two of earth's most efficient predators.

SPLASH! A second angler is hooked up and his fish is now heading over your line as the two of you exchange concerned glances. The sun is up now, a thin band of sky separating its blazing orange bottom from the dark blue water. Your fish cuts hard to the left and you breathe a sigh of relief. The choppers are now heading away from each other and the chance of a tangled line has passed.

ZZZZZZ...zzz...ZZZ...the blue makes three short runs, or was it one run in three broken efforts? Whatever, he's tired now and only offers token resistance as you draw him over the crest of a wave and watch him struggle in the wash. A tight line, a few acrobatic dance steps and you've got him behind the gills. With a big smile, you carry the prize over the sand and deposit it in the cooler. Down the beach, you spy the figure of the other angler who had hooked up; his fish is gone and he is back in line casting away. Not all the blues will succumb to the pressure of rod and reel this morning.

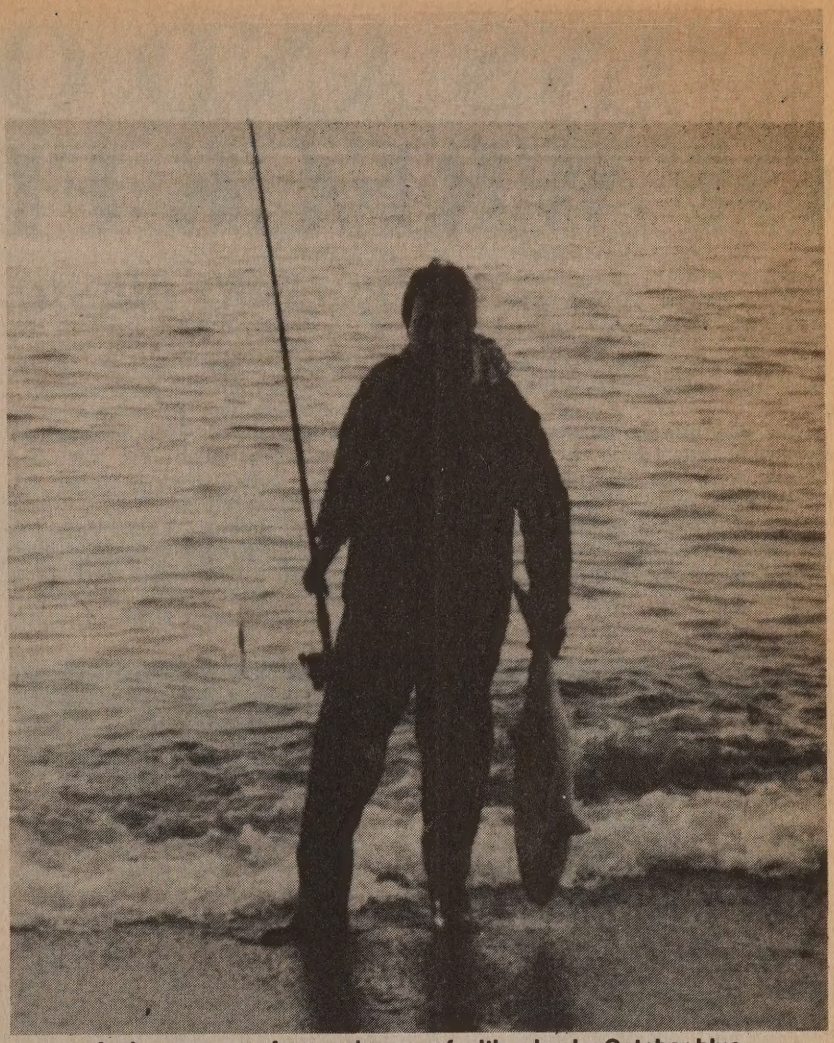
The scene is again tranquil; the visible signs of the struggle completely washed away by the ocean's soothing froth. But you know the tranquility will last only a moment because the fish are there. Sure enough, before you can get back in line, the scene is repeating itself. Another pair of concerned anglers exchanging glances in the early morning haze as their lines steam off in conflicting directions.

The action lasts for little more than an hour, but when it dies, four large blue tails protrude from under the cooler's cover. The sun is well over the horizon now; it's time to head home, shower and get to work.

For most of the summer months, surf fishing enthusiasts have to deal with limited catches and late night fishing. When the action begins is usually determined by tide. A late night tide means fishing is out of the question for many of us who must rise early and head out to that four letter word: W-O-R-K. This means that our favorite pastime can only be pursued on weekends and holidays when there will be no need to rise early the next morning.

Once the fall bluefish run gets under way, however, the entire fishing scene begins to change. Daylight hours often outproduce evening fishing when the slammers are concerned, and the number of fish available along the beach increases dramatically. In fact, at several locations along the south shore, the blues can be counted on to show almost every morning on which the surf is fishable. With a little preparation and some thought, it becomes possible to fish on weekday mornings.

This when the "magic hour" comes into play. That all too brief period between the time the sun first peeks its corona above the horizon until it begins to really climb into the sky. During this interlude, the blues often blitz the beach, trapping terrified baitfish between themselves and the sand and feeding frantically before the intensity of the rising sun chases both predator and prey back to deeper water. The smart anglers are already casting in the surf when the magic time rolls around. Ready to take advantage of every minute of action before the fish move off, they arrive early and take up the choice positions before the fish make their presence known.



Author emerges from a dawn surf with a husky October blue.

This frantic early morning fishing is tailor made for the working class angler. Starting in late Septeber, the magic hour begins somewhere between 5:30 to 6:00 AM and ends between 6:30 to 7:00 AM. (Some mornings, especially when overcast, it may not end for several hours!) This is ideal because it allows the angler time to hit a few fish, run home, shower and get on the rod in time to make it work. As the fall progresses and the sun takes longer to peak above the waves, the hour begins a little later each week, leaving less and less time to fish. By November, the sun is rising so late that you might only get a half hour's fishing in before calling it quits. But if the fish are there, a half hour is all you need to get it out of your system.

Those who fish and then head off to work should be aware of the following considerations, lest the bond between angler and co-workers becomes strained. First, use only lures (tins are the usual choice) to take your fish. This will help cut down on unpleasant aromas which may trail you back to work. Second, get a good night's sleep before hitting the beach. Even though you will only be fishing for an hour or two, the surf, salt air and strong blues will take their toll on your system. Thirdly, remember to figure in time to clean your fish before leaving the beach. (Better yet, if time is tight, employ catch and release tactics.)

Of course, this action is best suited to those who live close to the beach. For those who don't, fishing on weekday mornings might be cutting it a little too close. If the time isn't there, don't jeopardize your job: fish the magic hour on the weekend. It might be a little more crowded and a little less tranquil, but the fish will be there just the same.

INS AND OUTS OF WRECK FISHING

by Greg Nisito

"Okay Dan, you might want to get the buoy ready; we've about 1/4 mile to go."

Dan quickly snapped on two sash weights to the orange buoy with 85' marked on it. The Loran continued to count down the distance as I steered the displayed compass course, ".12, .10, 108, .06 nautical miles to go." The Lowrance recorder still painted a level 75 feet of pure undisturbed sand.

"We should start to see the wreck rise off the bottom any second now."

I throttled down the motor to a crawl as the Mirrologic Loran ticked off the distance to go: .03, .02, .01. Little black dots started to appear on the bottom, getting thicker and thicker in density, indicating the presence of bait and game fish. The graph confirmed the Loran reading of .00 miles to go as the bottom sharply rose to 72' and dark black structure became evident.

"Go ahead, Dan, flip the buoy over the side."

Water sprayed widely as the sash weights plummeted to the bottom, and the rope twirled off the buoy. I put the motor in neutral and studied the graph recording as we lay over the 100-year-old shipwreck resting on the bottom.

"Looks like there are plenty of fish down there. I hope they're hungry," I said.

"They are always hungry," Dan replied, "I just hope we find more than bagels."

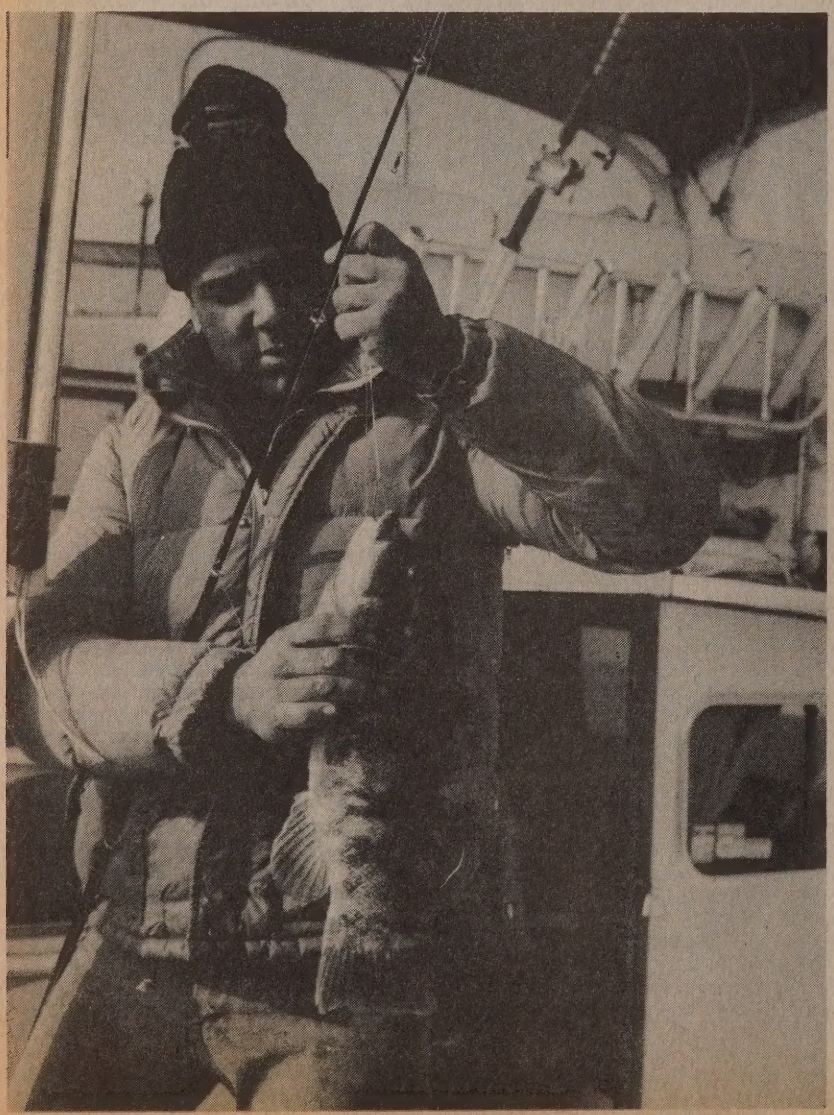
"Well, we're halfway there. Let's see if we can anchor the boat so that we lay uptide of the wreck on the first attempt."

That maneuver is easier said than done. It usually takes me an average of two or three attempts to position the boat satisfactorily. However, occasionally I hit it just right the first time. Personally I find locating and positioning the boat on the wreck quite challenging and most of the battle of fishing a wreck successfully. The variables to be considered are wind speed and direction, as well as current speed and direction.

The tricky part is figuring whether the current or the wind is the dominant factor. Unfortunately every boat behaves differently depending on its weight and amount of superstructure. Heavy boats with little superstructure will often lay with the current even in a brisk wind. While lighter boats, or boats with cabins, flybridges or towers, may tend to lay back with the wind as the tide decreases in strength.

On the south shore of Long Island, incoming tide runs from the east to the west heading for New York Harbor. Conversely, outgoing tide runs west to east with the water running out of the Hudson River. It is imperative that current direction be determined for your area.

After your buoy has been dropped and you've made your educated guess as to which direction your boat will rest in, it is time to begin the anchoring process. Go back to your buoy to make sure it hasn't drifted off the wreck, and study your graph recorder. Make a few slow circles around the buoy to determine exactly what part of the wreck the buoy is resting on. This will enable you to get a good mental picture of the wreck and where you want your final posi-



Dan Pollera demonstrates where to hold a blackfish to avoid their spines while unhooking. Husky blacks frequent Long Island's inshore wrecks each spring and fall.

tion to be. Once this is determined, run up directly into the current or wind, whichever you feel will be dominant. Drop the anchor only when there is sufficient distance to allow the anchor to hit bottom and develop enough scope to hold the boat without sliding. Slowly feed out anchor line as you closely eyeball your recorder for signs of the wreck re-appearing. As soon as you start seeing solid wreckage, chock up the boat. This will be the first spot to try, which is probably just uptide of the wreck. Give the area a good going over with short underhand casts all around the boat. Hopefully you will locate the mother lode of concentrated fish this way. Unfortunately, this is not always the case and repositioning will be necessary. Your first and easiest reposition attempt would be to let out more anchor rope to get over a different piece of wreckage. If this doesn't produce quality fishing, try pulling up on the anchor past your original resting position.

These maneuvers will allow you to cover all possible ground in a straight line back from your anchor. It is possible to position your boat to some degree off of that straight line. This is accomplished by forming a "Y" in your anchor line. Pull up about 30 feet of anchor line and tie a loop; to this loop tie another line. Now feed out both lines as you drop back. Secure one end of the "Y" to your starboard side cleat and the other end to the bow cleat. This will then skid your boat a few feet over to the left of your original position. Fish this location with renewed optimism. Hopefully now you've found hungry fish. If not, your last resort before pulling the anchor entirely is to skid the boat to the right of center. This is accomplished by securing one end of the "Y" to the bow cleat and the other end to the port cleat. At this point you've done all you can with the anchor resting in its present position. Some wreck-fishing captains won't bother with the above-mentioned procedure and will throw two anchors right from the start. This gives you a lot of flexibility in repositioning, but is still extra effort.

On days that are calm, with little

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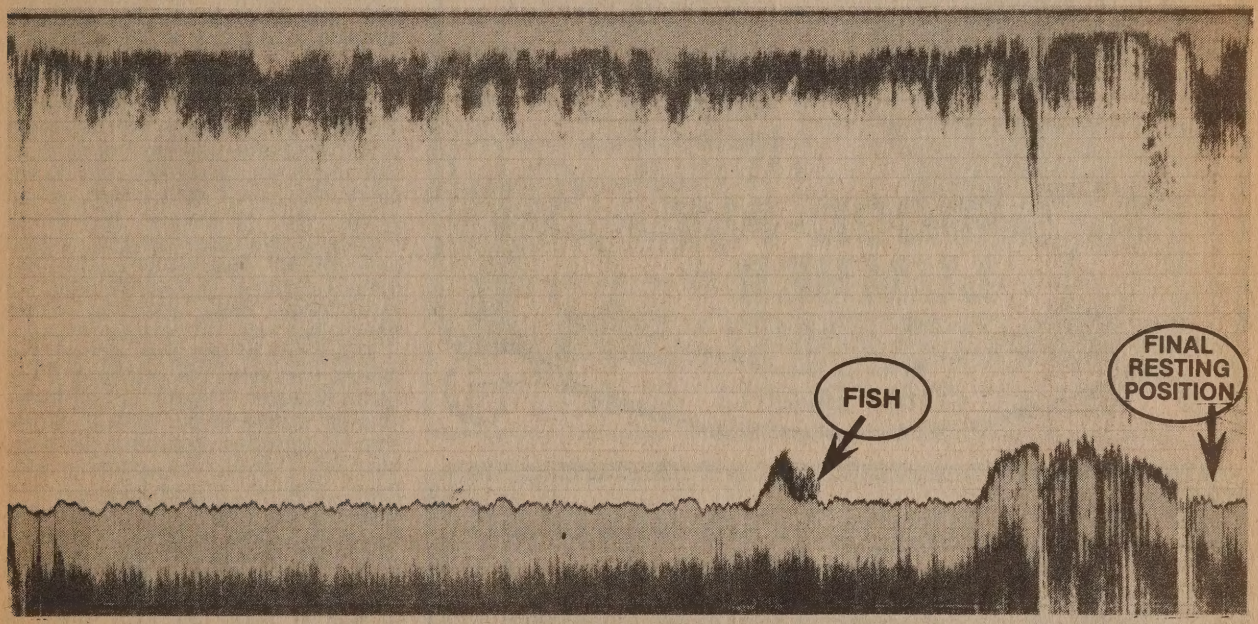
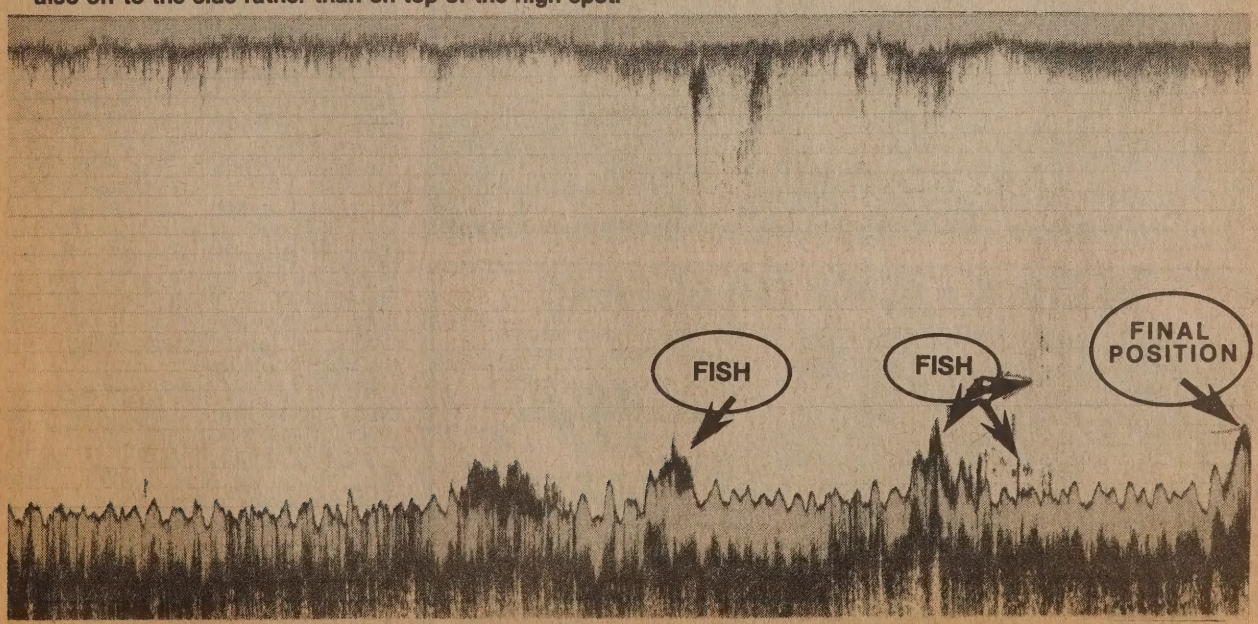


Graph recording shows fish off to the side of the wreck rather than on top of it. Final resting position, therefore, is also off to the side rather than on top of the high spot.



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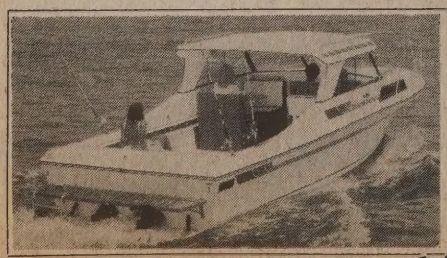

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chop or ground swell, you might want to try a grapnel hook. This will grab right in the wreck. One problem I've found with the grapnel is that by the time your sinker hits the bottom you are usually downtide of the wreck. I've found that quite often, but not always, the downtide side of the wreck is least productive. Be sure to rig your grapnel with a breakaway device so that you can free your hook from the wreck and pull it up backwards. Grapnels are extremely easy to use and very effective when fishing from a smaller skiff.

As you can see, positioning your boat is of utmost importance as a few feet in either direction can mean the difference between catching fish or feeding bergalls. This can be frustrating and time-consuming—not to mention an awful lot of back-breaking work.

Among wreck fishermen there is a saying: "Fish a wreck...you become a wreck." It's possible that repeated positioning attempts are the roots of that statement. Or could it refer to the continuous snags of a wreck, which cause you constantly to re-rig? Perhaps it refers to those ever-hungry and efficient bait stealers, the bergalls. I guess it is a combination of everything. Rest assured, wreck fishing can wear on your patience.

The types of fish that inhabit the wrecks vary with the season and the depth of water. The list of fish available on wrecks in our area is extensive. It includes: sea bass, porgies, blackfish, fluke, ling, pollock, cod, hake, bluefish, triggerfish and the ever-present bergall. Part of the fun of wreck fishing is trying to predict when each species will arrive on your favorite wreck. Most of my experience is on inshore wrecks lying in 100 feet or less of water. As your years of wreck fishing experience builds, so will your ability to determine when each species will be at its peak in your area.

Water temperature is of primary importance as is traffic on your favorite wreck. Most wrecks will only hold a limited volume of fish. Once a few party boats have hit a wreck for a few days, time will be necessary for it to rebuild a good population. I've found that quite often my best catches occur on days when the major fishing fleet is out seeking non-wreck species. For example, summer fishing for sea bass, when everyone else is out bluefishing—or late fall blackfishing while the head boats look for cod.

Wreck fishing doesn't require any really special tackle. Most medium to medium-heavy boat rods, in 6' 6" or 7' capable of handling 25 to 30 pound test, will do just fine. I prefer a fast taper rod which will allow me to feel a light tap, yet have enough backbone to pull a good fish away from the safety of the wreck. Shakespeare makes a series of Tiger rods which are ideally suited for this type of fishing while being extremely light in physical weight.

Conventional reels are preferred

over spinning reels because of their superior drags and larger line capacity. Any reel which holds 200 yds. or so of 25 to 40 lb. test is good. Try to keep your choice of reel toward the smaller and lighter weight models. Wreck fishing requires you to hold your rod and be ready for a bite every second. Therefore, the lighter your outfit, the more comfortable you'll be.

Your line should be fresh and of high quality. Quality monofilament is a wise investment as it will save you many dollars in lost hooks and sinkers—let alone the lost fish. Check the last 15 or 20 feet of your line frequently for nicks and frays which undoubtedly will occur when anchored over the jagged metal and encrusting wood of the submerged vessel. High abrasion resistance and low stretch are two qualities to look for in a monofilament.

As far as terminal tackle is concerned, keep it very simple. The more hardware you have, the greater the chances of snagging. Most fishermen simply tie one or two dropper loops one foot and three feet up from their sinker loop. Then a 12 inch snelled hook is attached to each dropper and you're back in business. I prefer to pre-tie my blackfish rigs at home to save time on the water. Using 40 lb. leader material, I tie two large dropper loops (let the loops extend 6 or 7 inches away from the main line) 18 inches apart and 12 inches above the sinker loop. The top of the rig starts with a small barrel swivel. On to each dropper I loop on a #4 or #5 Virginia hook Mustad style #4011E. The final rig is very stiff and compact and allows me to use loose hooks over snelled hooks.

Sinker weight will depend on current strength and the depth of water. Generally a large assortment of 5 to 12 oz. is needed—with 5 to 8 oz. usually adequate on the inshore wrecks. You can save some expense by using old spark plugs. Just hammer-close the gap and use that as the sinker eye. You will probably need 2 or 3 spark plugs together to equal enough weight on most days, but with the price of lead constantly climbing it may be worthwhile.

By far the most versatile bait is the skimmer clam. Clams will take most wreck inhabitants; however, when bergalls are thick they can wipe your clam out very quickly. At these times conch is a better choice. Green crabs will edge clams at times especially with the larger bucktoothed blackfish. Strips of squid are my favorite for black sea bass and will also take fluke when drifted around the edges of the wreck. Cod can't resist a whole skimmer and bluefish will take mackerel, bunker or smelts among other baits. A live bergall—or baby blackfish—are usually deadly for the bigger blues when fished just above the wreck.

Give wreck fishing a try when your regular fishing routine needs a boost. I'm sure you will find it both challenging and rewarding.

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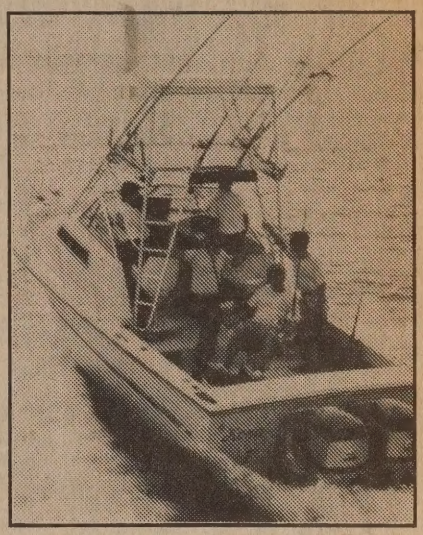

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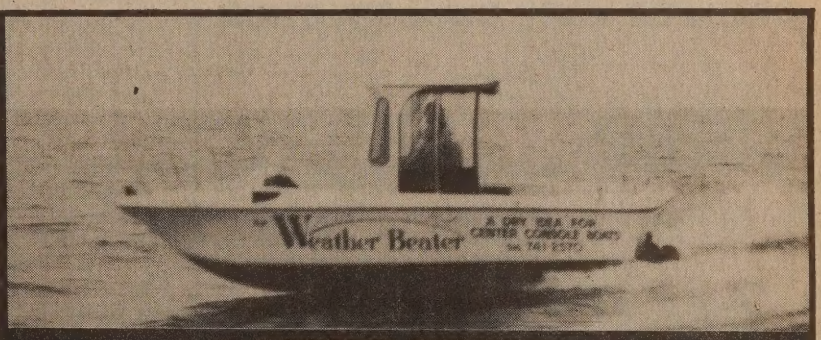

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TANDEM TAUTOG

by Fred Laager

There is only one thing better than catching a fattened fall blackfish on a crisp October morning and that's catching two fattened blackfish at the same time that same morning. Ah, I can feel the cold air brushing by my cheek and the smell of the salt spray. Migrating geese and scoter fill the air above the choppy water and the clouds have that strange look of winter in them. Suddenly, a diminutive tap on the rod reveals that a fish is curious with my offering and I wait for another, more positive bite.

Tap. I take a turn on the reel handle gathering up the slack in the line, putting the rod tip as close to the water as possible. Tap! I pull up on the rod taking five turns on the reel's handle, pulling the fish clear of his rocky home. He feels big but the fight is not the usual kind of fight a blackfish gives. It is different; kind of like the pull of bluefish caught on an umbrella rig, but different. This fish had direction. He wanted to get to the rocks below but couldn't. Not if I could help it.

The fish pulled one way, but I pulled the other and I was winning. With every turn of the handle my heart pounded with anticipation wondering what was tugging so hard on the end of my line. Emerging from the depths below I could make out the form of a 4 or 5 pound tautog coming to the surface, but there was something below the fish, something bigger and heavier. To my astonishment I had two fish on. A dynamic duo consisting of one fish of normal size and another of monstrous proportions. The larger was one of those unusually fat fish colored grey with white mottling, resembling an animated boulder with a distended stomach and a face only a mother tog or a Rolling Stone fan could love.

To help improve your catch this fall, go tandem for togs. Usually the double-hooked rig will account for a hook-up when the single rig will not because the hooks of the tandem rig lie at 90 degree angles to one another, preventing the bait from falling between the cracks and crevices of rocks where only bergalls will find it. Also, the two hook rig presents twice the amount of bait to the fish and if he does manage to rob one hook of its contents, the other is still there to get him. Two hooks equal twice the hooking power, twice the reward and twice the fun.

As a salesman for Edelman's Sporting Goods I spend most of my fall days instructing customers on bottom rig construction and use. To my surprise a majority of fishermen don't know how to construct even the simplest of rigs. The general consensus is that knot tying, loop forming and hook snelling is a knowledge only experts are privy to. If the truth be known, tying a rig is as simple as

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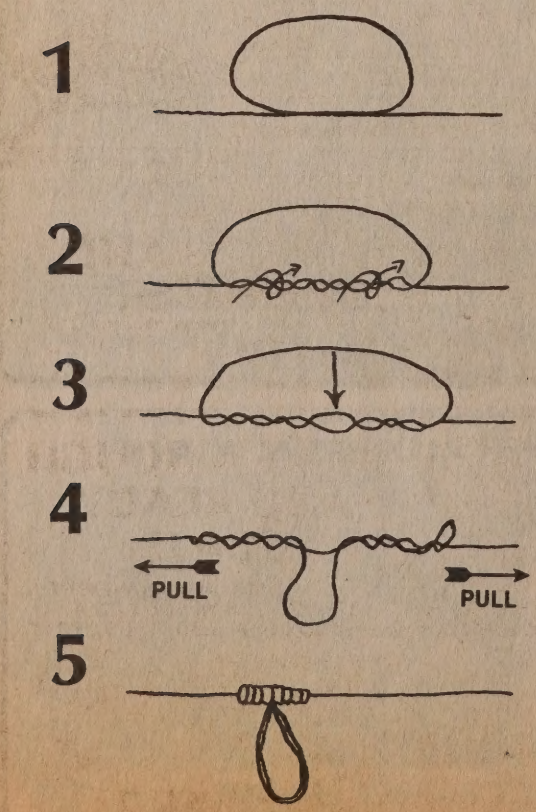

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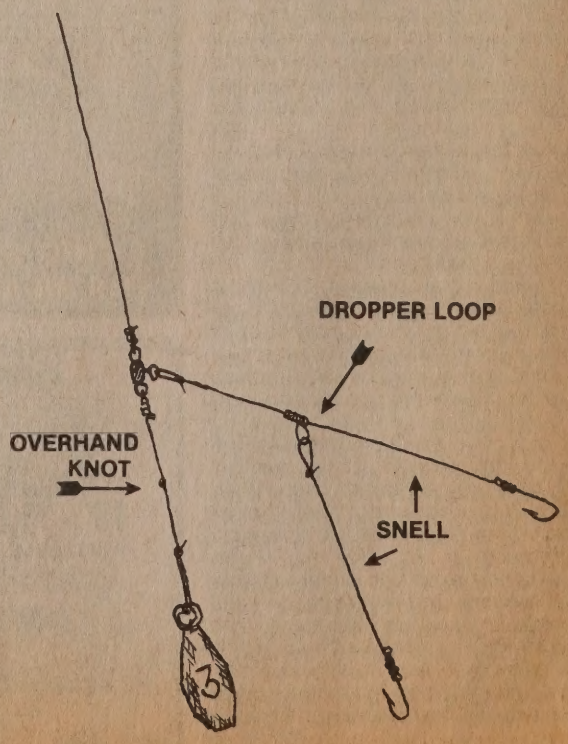

tying your shoes.

To construct a tandem rig for blacks you need only purchase pre-snelled hooks (No. 4 or 6 Virginia style), some sinkers, and three-way or cross line swivels with a sinker snap attached. That's it. From these three items you can construct a wide variety of rigs including the tandem tog rig.

To begin with you must tie in a dropper loop halfway down the snell (that's the monofilament leader coming from the hook) of one of the hooks. The dropper loop is formed by doubling over the line and forming a loop. The inside of the loop is then twisted four times in the same direction while the loop is held stationary. After the twisting is completed the loop is pushed through the center wrap and held (I use my lips) while the two ends are pulled in opposite directions. The resulting dropper, if it is used as a standoff, will be stiffer if it is smaller.

Then the end loop of that snell should be put through the middle eye of the three-way or cross line swivel with the hook and dropper loop being passed through that end loop forming a square knot connection. With this completed, put the end loop of another snelled hook through the dropper loop you just formed, passing the hook and snell through the dropper, drawing the resulting square knot tight. Now the two hooks are permanently attached to each other and the swivel. To the top swivel you attach the line from your reel via an improved clinch or Trilene knot and your sinker is then attached to the snap. Voila! (that's French for, there it is). You have now built the famous tandem tog rig.

If you choose to pursue rig tying further you might find that extra terminal tackle such as three way and cross line swivels and sinker snaps only increase your odds of getting snagged on the bottom. When you become proficient at tying rigs you can discard the snaps and swivels and use an end loop for the sinker and a dropper loop for the swivel. However, a brass sinker snap is designed to open if the sinker should become fouled in a rock and not using one could cost you an entire rig. To remedy this, tie an overhand knot between the swivel and the sinker. If your weight should become stuck, a few good pulls on the line will cause the overhand knot to cut itself freeing the rig.

Blackfishing gets hotter toward the end of October, so don't put off learning to tie this deadly rig. When baited with green, hermit or fiddler crab the tandem rig will outperform any spreader or fish finder rig. If you don't have the time to construct this rig there are many pre-made rigs available at local tackle stores that will do the job in a pinch. Better yet, if you have the time, drop in at Edelman's and I'll be glad to show you a rig or two if you don't mind listening to my "Tale of Two Togs" while I'm working.

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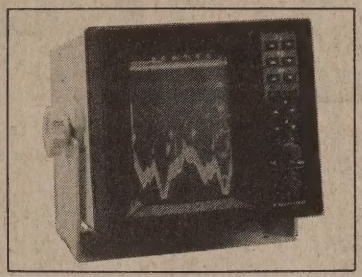

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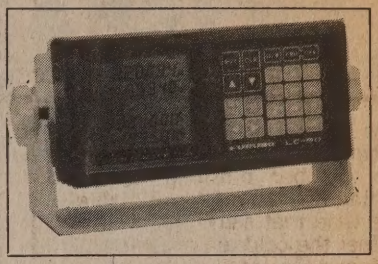

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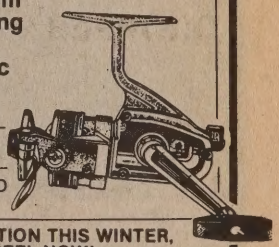

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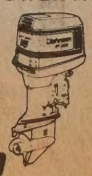

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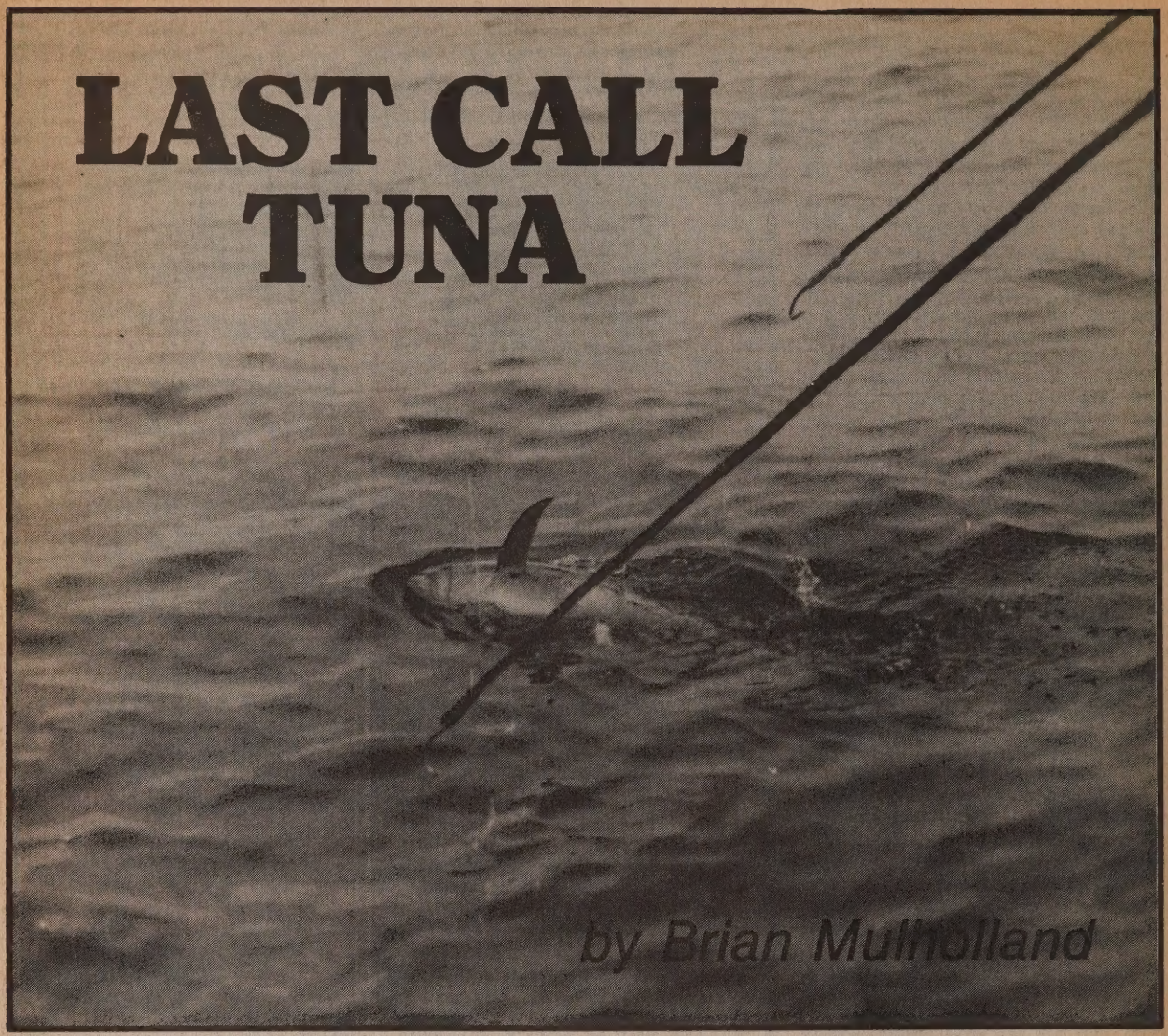

by Brian Mulholland

Party boat tuna fishing is a growing business on Long Island, but it has spread unevenly. Until September 1986, none of the Captree party boats participated; you had to go to Sheepshead Bay, Freeport or Montauk. Captree is a good deal more convenient to mid-Suffolk residents than the other ports, so it's nice to have a boat there operating for tuna.

The boat in question is the "Super Speedy VIII." The initial schedule calls for Monday and Wednesday trips departing Captree at 1AM and getting back at 6PM. Call in advance, like any other tuna trip, to verify that it's still on and that you can get a reservation. The weather grows increasingly unstable as the season wears on, and a trip may have to be cancelled on a few hours notice if the sea kicks up.

This fishing is "offshore," as far as one can practically go. Although the Montauk boats had a pleasant August chasing tuna almost within sight of land at the Butterfish Hole, most tuna are now a good deal farther out. To the best of my knowledge, all the party boats pursuing these fish were doing so by the Block Island or Hudson Canyons, or at similarly distant areas.

I joined the second trip on September 29th. Party boating for tuna attracts a hardy crowd. Few women and children appear and the anglers who do come tend to be pretty serious. A lot of the tackle they bring is on the expensive end of the spectrum: Penn and Shimano lever drags, good trolling rods with unibutts and roller guides, or top of the line Sabre Strokers.

Traditionally, the best bite is in the pale light of dawn or dusk. Captains time their departure to permit tying up to an offshore lobster trap buoy before dawn. A party boat that is suitably located and has its chum stream going by the time dawn arrives is well set for a shot at the fish.

In this case we had the blessing of an overcast sky and a calm sea to go with us. A bright sunny day makes tuna more line shy and boat shy than otherwise would be the case. For that reason, I'd brought 30 and 40 pound outfits along as well as the 50 pound rig (Newell 454 and heavy Sabre Stroker) that I use as my "main" tuna outfit.

Normal procedure is to tie up to an offshore lobster buoy and fish from there. Anglers free spool butterfish, whiting or other whole baitfish down current in the chum slick, trying to avoid each other (hard to do) and wait for a runoff. Keep the clicker and a little thumb on the spool to avoid an overrun when a tuna runs off with your bait. When a tuna picks up the bait you'll get a sudden, fast acceleration of 10 or 15 yards, then a pause, the another rush and a pause—and by that time you should have put the reel back in gear and set the hook. Don't bother rearing back on the rod as you might do for bluefish. Just putting the reel in gear is enough; the fish's own momentum will bring the line tight in a moment.

Since this fishery is new, there isn't yet any standardized outfit for tuna which the party boats all use. The Speedy rents a mixture of 4/0 and 6/0 reels fitted with 50 pound line; 4/0 is a workable size for tuna of up to 125 lbs. or so. Bigger fish are hard to land without the assistance of 80 pound

line, which, in turn, dictates a 6/0 or 9/0 on their lever drag equivalents.

The first fish of the day were long-finned albacore, of which perhaps half a dozen were put on the boat during the first 40 minutes of pre-dawn light and early morning. Thereafter, we had a steady pick of bigger tuna, mostly yellowfin with a smattering of bluefin, almost until we went home at 1PM. Two or three times small pods of tuna moved up the chum slick and half a dozen anglers were into fish simultaneously.

Many of the fish were dropped. Tuna leave no margin for error: if you've tied a knot badly, if your line is frayed, or if your drag is too tight, the fish will find it out for you. A lot of tuna get off for no identifiable reason whatsoever. One angler, a thoroughly competent fisherman with a Shimano 50W lever drag reel, and a top-of-the-line Sabre Stroker, lost four fish over the course of the day before finally boating his fifth. One of them had some real shoulders; it kept him busy for about an hour before the line popped. Fortunately he did manage to get a fish, a nice yellowfin of about 100 lbs., before we went home.

The majority of the fish landed were yellowfins of between 80 and 125 lbs. The pool fish was a big one, I think a bluefin of 150 or 160 lbs. or so. This latter size seem to represent, at least for the moment, the high point of what most anglers can do on a party boat. Fish above that size may perhaps need the greater power of 80 pound line and a big lever drag reel in order to be subdued in a practical length of time.

There is nothing quite like the first rush of a good tuna. I spent most of my morning taking pictures, but the sound of so many fish banging the deck finally got to me. Around 11:30 I shucked the camera in favor of a rod belt and kidney harness, and sent a butterfish of my own off into the chum slick. I left the reel in free spool with the clicker on. When the fish picked up, the spool ran so wildly as to backlash despite the restraining influence of the clicker (a tuna will get a scream from the clicker that will turn heads all over the boat). Fortunately, the backlash wasn't severe. When I threw the reel in gear, the tuna promptly pulled it out.

And went right on pulling, taking me down to the bottom 30 yards of line or less. This points out the major limitation of 4/0 and 3/0 reels. You may need to have your bait 150 yards from the boat, if the fish are boat shy (most hits this day came at least that far from the boat). A 4/0 reel does not afford you a lot of line underneath that in which to handle a fish. Therefore, to use a reel this size, make sure the reel is absolutely filled with mono. It's also a good idea to check the drag with a scale and see how much restraint you've actually got on the fish. I'm used to setting a drag the way most anglers do: I give a few yanks on the line. This may be okay when fishing for bluefish and porgies, but it's not sufficient for tuna. I was astonished to find how little strain I had actually set on the reel when it was measured for me by a kindly fellow angler with a Chatillon scale. Getting the drag up to snuff required me to screw it down more tightly than I've ever done before. My mistake is likely to be a common one, so go to the trouble of checking your drag with a scale. You need every bit of force you can muster.

My fish displayed a behavior pattern typical of many big yellowfins that day. The initial back-and-forthing took perhaps 20 minutes. By that time I had gotten to the stern of the boat and had seen the fish. But getting the fish that last 30 or 40 feet, for the sake of the gaff, took a good deal longer. It was perhaps another 30 minutes before the fish finally came within reach of the gaff, after many close encounters with the trim tabs and propellers at the boat's stern. In such circumstance, it sometimes helps to use your thumbs on the reel's spool to freeze things up in order to lift the fish. If the tuna makes a dive, you can let go easily enough. It was by applying both thumbs on the spool on the "upward" stroke before reeling on the down stroke that I finally lifted the fish to the gaff.

This is not cheap fishing. The Speedy, along with most boats out of Freeport and Sheepshead Bay, charges $150 a head and requires a down payment in order to secure the reservation. You won't be able to do this more than a couple of times a year. But the fare is still cheaper than a quarter share of many charter boats, and these party boats have an advantage of their own. It's true that you can't land a big fish from a stationary boat. The charter boats that do so have to slip their anchor and pursue the fish in order to avoid being spooled. A party boat can't do that, so the upper limit of the fish you can land is a good deal smaller. On the othe hand, a party boat can also establish a hefty chum slick. It can fish in weather and sea conditions that would keep a hull licensed for six man charters tied up to the dock, though captains vary in their willingness to force the pace on this. Sometimes it's possible for the larger boats to commute to and from the chosen spot a little more easily than a charter boat, too. Hull size has its advantages.

Because this fishery is new, we are not yet sophisticated tuna party boaters. The largest fish I've seen landed by passengers have been bluefin in the 150 to 160 lb. bracket. (I saw a mate land a 200 plus pound bigeye once, but he gets more practice than the rest of us.) On the other hand, yellowfin tuna in excess of 300 lbs. have occasionally been landed aboard Southern California party boats. If they can do it, so can we. It's worthwhile to any angler to budget a little time and money in August-September-October to try the experience.

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BLUE BEACHES

by Gerald Hahn

Nothing beats catching bluefish from an ocean beach. I have taken teen-sized blues on party boats and 10 lbers. on small boats, yet neither compares with the thrill of bringing even a small bluefish through the breakers.

Certainly, one of the great surf fishing thrills is seeing a blue break the surface within casting range. In the fall, this is not unusual. Gulls, terns and other sea birds suddenly form a shrieking, chaotic mass down the beach as they fight over scraps of baitfish thrown to the surface by rampaging blues. Joining the fracas, the birds give away the spot. This scene is repeated over and over again from Labor Day to Thanksgiving during the bluefish migration along the South Shore. And catching blues on the surface, of course, is far more exciting than catching them 100 feet below.

Another exciting thing about surf fishing in the fall is that artificials are so effective. Most surf men stock a variety of lures: metal, swimming and diving plugs and leadhead jigs. Of all these lures, metal undoubtedly is the most consistent bluefish catcher around. It casts far, even in a head-wind, and its silvery luster mimics the sheen of a wide variety of baitfish: sand eels, spearing, butterfish, young Atlantic herring and moss bunker. This category of lures includes diamond jigs and "tin squids," such as the Hopkins and Kastmaster. It also includes such variants as the J-8, by Diamond Feather, a rather thin diamond jig (or a thick spoon) with a keel. Some of these lures should be unadorned and others dressed wtih white bucktail or feathers, or a surgical tube in green, red or white. Single hooks on barrel swivels are better than trebles on split rings for reducing breakoffs, as well as for avoiding bruises and cuts from the blue's sharp teeth. Metal lures are generally retrieved rapidly, with sharp twitches of the rod tip, which creates an erratic movement.

In the second category, surface plugs, the most popular lure is a popper. Although poppers may not account for as many bluefish on the stringer as metal, they are far more exciting to use. When blues are in the vicinity, a popper, unlike metal which sinks rapidly, creates a boil right on the surface—and in the adrenalin of the surfcaster. Poppers by Stan Gibbs, Atom, Danny anD Creek Chub are highly popular. Although most people use all-white or dark/light combinations, some people find red and yellow combinations effective at dawn and dusk when the autumn sun takes on a warm glow. If you have ever seen baitfish in the ocean at these hours, their silvery sides reflect rosy tints. In this group, include pencil poppers, surface swimmers and variants such as the Needlefish, a sand eel imitation that is retrieved slowly and without any action. Curiously, last season the most effective Needlefish was in green. Generally, poppers are retrieved erratically, from fast to moderate, with frequent twitches of the rod tip to create a popping or gurgling splash on the surface.

When the fish are feeding beneah the surface, a sinking plug such as the Darter may find them. When nothing else works down below, however, it always pays to try a leadhead bucktail in white and tipped with a strip of pork rind. This traditional lure finds bluefish hugging the bottom. The fish are especially attracted to this lure because it "breathes," hops and flutters like a number of baitfish. Leadhead jigs are retrieved slower than metal and with up-and-down sweeps of the rod tip. In general, all the lures mentioned above should weigh about 2 oz. for ocean fishing.

Many surfcasters have found that, particularly on slow days, a teaser mounted in front of the lure increases

Big blues dominate the late fall action. ***Dick Mermon photo.***

catches. A teaser is simply a 4/0 O'Shaughnessy or Siwash hook dressed with white bucktail or synthetic hair, or with a split tail surgical tube in white, red or green. The hook is snelled to an 8 inch leader of 50 lb. test and is then tied in 18 inches above the larger lure. When a bluefish sees the duo, invariably it goes for the teaser.

Slinging these lures beyond the breakers requires heavy gear. Most surfcasters use a 10 to 12 foot rod matched with a large surf-spinning reel such as the Penn 750. Line weights, however, range from 12 to 20 lb. test and some fishermen go as light as 10 lb. test. When using a light running line, it is advisable to beef up the last 18 inches to 2 feet with heavier monofilament, say 20 lb. test for a 12 lb. test running line. A dark barrel swivel links the two lines with improved clinch knots and a duo-lock snap, tied with the same knot, is secured to the end of the heavier line. The snap facilitates changing lures. For those using a teaser, the barrel swivel also holds the looped end of this snelled hook. Heavy line at the end of the rig acts as a cushion against breakoffs when casting a heavy lure. Other people favor a flexible wire leader for this purpose, especially one that is colored black for low visibility. Wire is especially resistant to the blue's nasty bridgework.

There are times when lighter tackle may be employed for ocean fishing. Bluefish are not always feeding 300 feet out. At times, in fact, they push the bait so close to shore that a 30 foot cast reaches them. For this reason, many surfcasters bring along an 8 foot jetty stick or a light 9 foot surf rod matched with a medium sized surf spinning reel. Two years ago, there were several bluefish runs so close to shore that some fishermen used a fly rod!

Bluefish runs are not always so productive, however. Fishermen playing it safe bring along a supply of bait. The best baits for blues are live eels, butterfish and chunks or strips of such oily fish as mackerel, herring or bunker.

In general, bait fishermen use a stouter rod than for casting lures, and a line weight of at least 20 lb. test. For live eel fishing, a 4/0 beak hook snelled to a two foot leader of 50 lb. test monofilament is effective. The eel is hooked through the jaw and allowed to swim about unencumbered by a sinker. The other baits are generally impaled on a brown beak hook, 6/0 to 8/0 size, which is clipped to an 18 inch wire leader in black. An 8 inch length of weak monofilament is then tied to one eyelet of the barrel swivel with an improved clinch knot. The bottom of this line receives an end loop for a 5 ounce pyramid sinker. This type of sinker digs into sand bottom and prevents the rig from rolling about and drifting back to shore. Whole butterfish, the smaller the better, makes an excellent bait for bluefish. It is sold in most retail fish markets and some bait shops. Using a 4/0 beak hook, or even a 1/0 bonito hook, on the wire leader, impale the butterfish through the hard ridge surrounding its eyes, and then in the shoulder, just ahead of the dorsal fin. The other baits are rigged either as chunks or strips. Of the two, a one by two inch strip cut from the baitfish's back holds up longer in the surf. Strip baits should be impaled twice: thhrough the skin side at one end and then in the center. Rigged this way, the strip flutters in the current and attracts blues. Although

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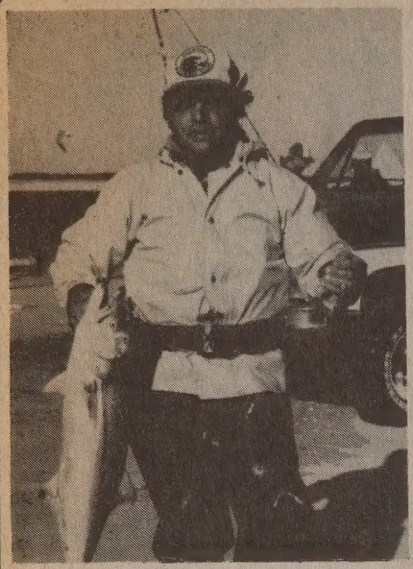

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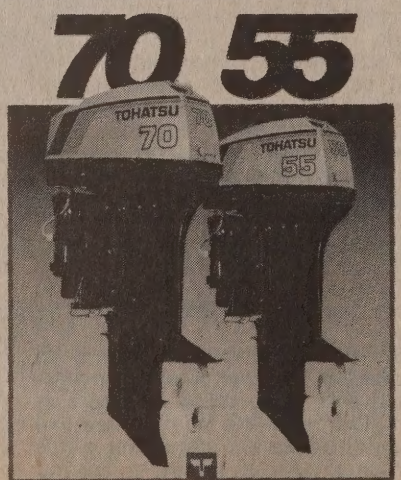

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chunk baits may not last long in the pounding surf, the entrails they contain become a miniature chum as they disperse in the current. After cutting the baitfish into one inch steaks, impale one in the side, through the skin and then near the backbone. Some people discard the entrails and prepare the chunk with a butterfly cut—a cut from the belly to the backbone. Hooked in the center, near the backbone, the chunk now flutters its "wings" like a butterfly.

It must be said that baitfishing, though less exciting than casting artificials in the surf, is more effective and less tiresome when blues are scarce. In the fall, moreover, bait accounts for some of the largest bluefish taken by shore-bound fishermen. It also accounts for the majority of fish taken at night.

A long sand spike is required for keeping the fishing line above the breakers, especially on the incoming tide. On the outgoing tide, however, some surf men fish chunk baits, strips and whole butterfish on a weightless rig. After casting the bait, they leave the bail open and spike the rod. This way, the bait drifts to deeper water.

Early in the season, from late-August to mid-September, the weather is still warm and many surf casters fish in bathing trunks. Later on, however, the weather is so cold, especially at dawn and dusk, that waders and foul weather gear are essential.

Although many surfcasters bring along a short-handled gaff in case an outsized bluefish or a stray cow bass is hooked, most of the fish are easily beached with the rod. The angler simply waits for an incoming wave to assist him. Moreover, since there are few obstructions on the bottom of an ocean beach, the line is not severed. On a crowded beach, however, as on a crowded party boat, a large fish may take a horizontal course, and the fisherman should move with it. If not, a tangle may occur, which usually leads to a lost fish and a lost rig or lure.

In the fall, bluefish are capable of invading almost any beach on the South Shore. A few seasons ago, a friend of mine, while taking a stroll on a featureless beach on Fire Island, suddenly came upon a school of bluefish. The water was churning all around him. He raced back to his house, grabbed his surf rod and returned to the spot. He caught 15 bluefish, one on almost every cast, and left the remainder of the school biting. Nevertheless, it is better to fish a beach with a prominent point running closer to the parallel bar. These are numerous beaches with this feature, such as Cedar Point, Ponquogue and White Sands, where bluefishing is generally more productive.

Even so, you may have to plan several trips in the fall before you score. And when you do, you will surely agree that nothing beats beaching a blue.

FRED'S FISH FACTS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Offshore efforts were hampered by gale winds and bad tides, however, the few boats that managed to get out during the few lulls in the weather were met with loads of bluefin, some yellowfin and the biggest blue sharks of the season. Inshore, bluefishing continues at a frenzied pace, with anglers loading up with fish from 3 to 20 lbs. Porgy catches are great, with some jumbos now in the schools. Blackfish remains steady, expected to break loose after this week's full moon. A few snowshoe flounder reported, along with perhaps the last of the fluke.

MONTAUK

Fishing is "great" on the **Little Bear**, since according to Capt. Dusty Dorzbacker, high hook on Thursday was 117 porgies, one of the few days last week the boat sailed. Captain Fred Bird fished locally on the **Flying Cloud** . Carl Baker taking 97 porgies back to Brooklyn on Wednesday, Lowell Smith the same number on Saturday. On Sunday, with east winds blowing, Capt. Fred fished Block Island, where larger porgies were caught. Frank Conde of Union City, New Jersey copped the pool with a 5½ lb. blackfish.

East Hamptonites Randy Parsons, Bill Fleming and friends with some of the many blues and bonito they took on light tackle aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Blue Fin IV."

Henry Uihlein suggests fishing Blackfish Rock, Washington Shoals and Shagwong for local blackfish. Plenty of blues around, with rentals from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** travelling no further than Shagwong. Last week Dick "the Seal" Nickerson, an airlines pilot with TWA caught so many bluefish with his son, that three trips were needed to unload them at the dock. Dick airlined 400 lbs. of bluefish fillets home to Kansas. The fish were caught as close as 50 feet from shore, trolling mono, with multiple hook-ups of blues to 15 lbs.

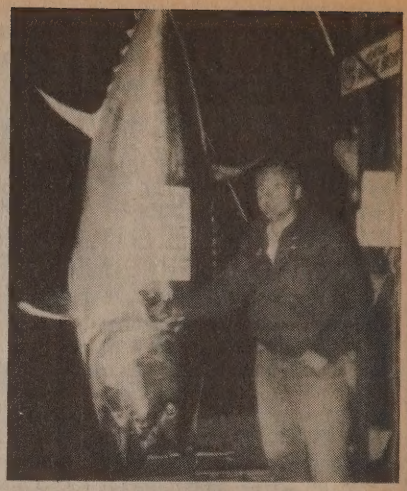
Captain Fritz Hubner, speaking for **Captain's Cove Marina** lamented that the severe winds of last week and weekend kept most boats inshore. The **Cricket II**, however, was able to get out on Wednesday with Capt. Ted and returned with about 30 tuna. Captain Fritz has been finding plenty of blues close to home with blackfishing picking up on the **Mistress Too**. Most marina based boats are concentrating on blues, loading up in short order.

The "Breakaway," berthed at **Montauk Marine Basin**, was able to travel offshore to the "Aquarium" on Thursday, where three yellowfin and 23 bluefin were boated. June, speaking for the marina, related that severe wind conditions most of the past week kept boats inshore where plenty of bluefish were caught; blackfish holding up at Cerberus Shoals and fluke off the Trailer Park were schooled up.

Captain Bill Ricca, of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann**, loaded up with blues this weekend with groups such as the Huntington Anglers, casting, trolling and jigging all they wanted. Most blues are in the 3 to 6 lb. range, with a few large fish to 10 to 13 lbs. mixed in. Apparently, bluefishing is reaching its peak, with great action at Shagwong, a mile from the inlet.

Captain Phil Lewis of the **Adios** reports that bluefish, mixed with bass and albacore are excellent right now. Captain Lewis is still geared up for offshore shark and tuna, and will continue to fish offshore, weather permitting.

Strong east winds and bad tides offshore inhibited tuna catches on the **Viking's** weekend trips. While Friday's catch was poor, a tuna and 30 bonito were caught Saturday. Closer to home, bluefishing was slow, again because of winds and tides on Friday and Saturday nights. Very large fish were caught at Cartwright on Sunday night in calm weather. Captain Forsberg reports that porgy fishing is fantastic. Friday was great, Saturday good, but Sunday's catch included large and jumbo "Oven Stuffer Roaster" porgies. Displaced codfishermen Louie Pow and John Guido combined their catch for 222 porgies.



John Newton whipped this 830 lb. giant bluefin at the Butterfish Hole back on 9-9. It was taken aboard Fantasea and weighed at Montauk Marine Basin.

All porgy catches were made at Block Island.

Captain Bob Storc loaded the **Caprice** with porgies and sea bass fishing with George and Tom Donahue last week. On Sunday, Tom and Bob Petroccia first enjoyed a good porgy catch at Gardiner's, with many to 2 lbs., then spent the afternoon jigging blues at Shagwong, quitting after they had enough.

Tom Jordan spoke of plenty of bluefish, enough to please all, close to the inlet. Lots of bass are around, taking bluefish lures, and clam baits. Most are school size. Marina boats from **Gone Fishing Marina** are fishing at Gardiners for large porgies, finding smaller fish closer to home. Blackfishing remains steady, with a few to 10 lbs. located at Shagwong. Several marina based boats reported two to five flounder per boat at Gardiner's Island and Culloden Point, with blowfish at the latter spot. Tom stressed that all the flounder were snowshoe quality and that this might be the start of the fall run. The "Contagious" managed to get offshore on Tuesday. Fishing at the "Aquarium," the crew boated 12 bluefin in the 50 to 110 lb. range, along with 10 yellowfin. The crew which included Sal, T.J., and Chris released over a dozen bluefin since they had reached their limit. Many monster blue sharks were around the boat as well.

Edelman's Lou Rosado was able to fish on the "Sea Whimp" on Saturday afternoon after the sea conditions calmed a bit and caught three dozen sea bass, top weight 5½ lbs., with the same number of porgies at New Grounds.

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A mixed bag was reported by Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. Sea bass

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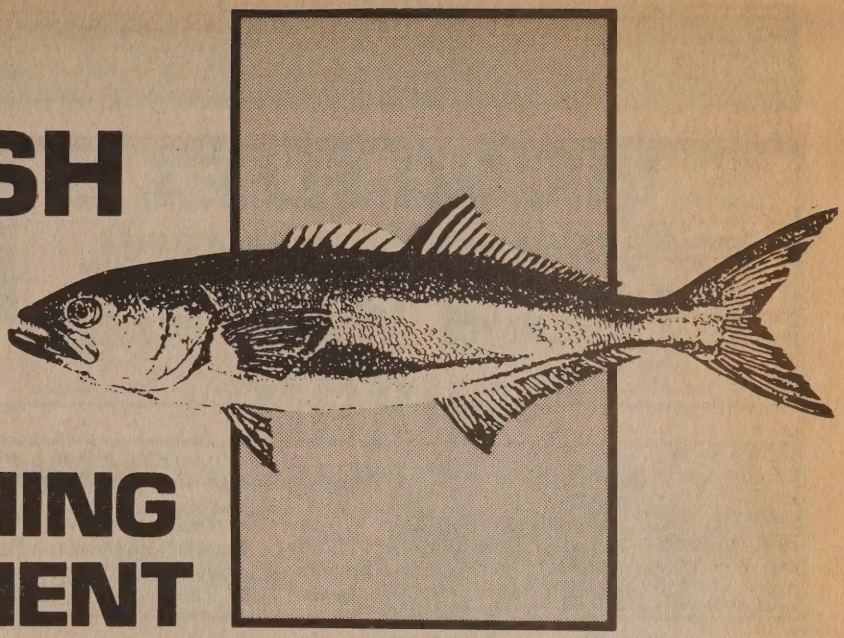

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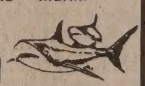
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catches continued at Heady Creek and a few flounder were plucked out of the Basket area. Anglers who dropped a line from any of the docks on the east end of Dune Road caught blackfish and sea bass, while those trying the Canal caught the same, plus porgies. Although the water temperature was reported as sixty-five degrees in Southold Bay, a few blackfish were caught in the Brickyard. Sag Harbor fishermen were picking some flounder at the Cove, while those looking for porgies found some at Cedar Point. Large weakfish were livelined at Shinnecock Inlet.

Al Flexer of **Al Feather's Jigs** was involved in a bluefish blitz at the Ponquogue Bridge last Tuesday. Apparently gorilla blues invaded the area taking any lure or bait in sight, eating through wire leader, and breaking hooks. When the melee was over, Al boasted two blues, one eighteen the other twenty pounds (weighed on a certified scale) which were caught on light tackle.

A chat with Captain Clark Bellows of the **Sag Harbor** based **Wilhelric II** revealed that while blackfish catches are improving, cooler water temperatures are needed to bring in the bulldogs. Water temperature on the blackfish grounds has now dropped to about 59 degrees, a few more cold nights should start the bite. Saturday's catch for twenty-one people was described as fair, despite the wind. Sunday's easterly wind with a big crowd had a pick of fish at Ceberus Shoals, Fisher's and Gull Island. Traditionally, according to Captain Clark, the October full moon signals the start of the season.

Chris Salb heard of pretty good catches of flounder from the Noyac docks on worms. The talk at **Bayview Marine and Tackle** is that large flounder traditionally show up at Jessups at this time of year. Plenty of blackfish were caught during the week at Orient and, closer to home at Nicol's Point, opposite Cedar Point. Most anglers are returning with a couple of dozen medium size blacks. Porgies were hitting blackfish baits at Plum Island. Blues are real thick in Plum Gut, the Ruins and all rips.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Strong easterly winds wiped out any hope of getting offshore on the weekend and most boatmen found it tough to even get outside the inlets. There was some good fishing on the inshore grounds during the week. Big

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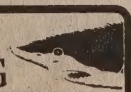

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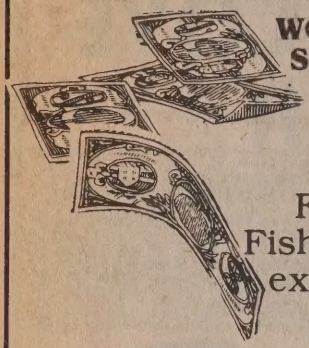

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weakfish continue to entertain boatmen drifting live bait inside Great South Bay and Fire Island Inlet with fine action reported on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Last week's cold snap kicked the flounder fishing into gear with some nice catches reported from Moriches Bay and the State Channel in Great South Bay. Blackfishing also benefited from the cooler temperatures as many good scores were made this past week. Big blues were taken in both inlets on bunker chunks, some into the high teens.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Gary Grunseich at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** said that last week's cold snap got the flounder fishing going with nice catches made this past week from Hart's Cove to Havens Point and NE of Buoy 42. A good percentage of the fish have been in the 1 to 2 pound range. Average catch per boat on most days has been 15 to 30 nice flatties. Very good crabbing underway near Buoy 27 with both traps and baited lines working well. One boat, despite Saturday's stiff east wind, returned with 1½ bushels of blue claws.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello said that the docks are

Ten-year-old A.J. Torre stands alongside the 52 lb. white marlin he boated south of Montauk aboard his family's boat, 'Ghost.'

between snappers and flounder. He expects the flounder should get going over the next couple of weeks. Instead, most shore anglers have been concentrating on crabs. They have been doing well with traps and bunker baited lines. Mixed reports on blackfish but some good scores have been reported since last week's cold snap. Loads of sea bass around with some of the more popular spots being Ocean Beach, Kismet and the RM Bridge. Use squid strips. Big blues in both Moriches and Fire Island Inlets for those drifting bunker chunks. Most are 10 to 15 pounds with occasional larger fish.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Al Colban reported that the only worthwhile flounder reports have been coming from boatmen working the State Channel between Amityville and Lindenhurst. Al did hear of a couple of fluke still being taken but the numbers around are hardly worth the effort. Weakfish continue to be livelined at the WR Buoy and the Construction Dock. On some days, big blues are mixed with the weaks. Both are being taken on live bunker, blackfish and sea bass. A lot of kingfish from ¾ to 1 pound being taken near Buoy 2 in Dickerson Channel on blood and sandworms. Squid strips taking plenty of sea bass at Buoy 13—Ocean Beach. Sea bass mixed with blackfish on the Kismet Reef and bigger sea bass on the F.I. Ocean Reef.

Jim Romano, speaking from **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** spoke of some decent blackfishing at the Kismet Reef and also at the Sore Thumb. Joe Waldmer and Kathy Cusamano returned to the shop with

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29 blacks to 7 pounds taken at the Thumb last Tuesday. A lot of small sea bass spread from Kismet to the Inlet on any rough bottom. Squid works best with worms a second choice. Large weaks livelined again this week at the WR Buoy but the fishing died on the weekend. Some small blues trolled at the inlet over the weekend while some slammers were taken by boatmen fishing bunker chunks. Best bet for flounder right now is in the State Channel on clam chum and worms. Still some small weaks being reported off of Buoy 4—Heckscher on squid strips. They range to 3 pounds.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** called via marine radio just prior to press time to report that his fares were enjoying some wild blackfish action. By 9:45 AM (10/13), 13 fares had already boated over 100 blacks. Most were three to four pounds with one going six pounds. The skipper called it the best shot of fish thus far.

Carl Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** said that some of his customers did a real good job on the blackfish on Sunday. One regular finished up the day with 48 blacks to 8½ pounds fishing at Kismet. Mike Paulini aboard his 'Friendly Stranger' put away 18 tog to 6½ pounds. Carl knew that big weaks continued to be livelined during the week with Wednesday being particularly hot. Two local anglers put away 11 tide-runners on live bunker near the WR Buoy on Wednesday. On Saturday, in all of the east wind, big blues were taken by a handful of boatmen drifting bunker chunks at the inlet. Most were between 12 and 15 pounds. The Fire Island Reef continues to produce good numbers of sea bass along with an increasing number of blackfish. Earlier this past week, the Mud Hole produced a 612 pound giant tuna for Jack Breitenbucher. He was fishing aboard Bob Graffagnino's "Kay Gees". Rounding out the crew were Don and Al Kaich.

According to Fisherman Staffer Tom Schlichter, fishing aboard the **Captain Joseph II** on Sunday produced a steady pick of sea bass and porgies. Some ling were also mixed with the catch. Fishing was done despite a heavy heave on the ocean. Pool winner for the day was John Snee with a 4 pound sea bass. He edged out Jack Toone who managed a pair of sea bass that each tipped the scale at 3½ pounds.

Fred Austin of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** reported that several Babylon Tuna Club boats did a fair job on the flounder on the weekend. The boat owners treated 40 youngsters from Little Flower Orphanage to a day of fishing. Blackfishing was fairly good this week with many blacks to 7½ pounds weighed in. Weakfishing slowed over the weekend but was good during the week, particularly on Wednesday. Use live bunker or blackfish and fish the WR Buoy on the flood and the inlet on the ebb. Average size of the fish is 8 to 12 pounds. Offshore fishing was wiped out by a rough ocean. However, Fred did ask that we inform the blue water set that Augie's is now a dealer for Release Marine and is stocking their new fighting chair which is specifically designed for small boats.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** called to advise us that the cooler weather improved the flounder fishing in the State Channel this week. The skipper reported good scores between the Babylon and Lindenhurst Cuts. Fourteen year old Ed Brambach was high hook on Sunday's trip with 25 nice flatties.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani spoke of big weaks and some big blues mixed with them near the WR Buoy on the flood tide and the Construction Dock on the ebb. Blackfishing is holding up pretty well at Kismet, along South Beach, the Construction Dock and the Sore Thumb. Some pretty good flounder fishing in recent days in the State Channel between the Babylon Cut and Gilgo. The outside has been quiet as a result of the rough seas caused by the easterly blow.

Speaking from **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**, Ralph Angelillo looked over a very impressive catch of blackfish made by Glen Reid Rankin on Sunday. The two put away over 50 blacks, including fish of 8, 9.5 and 10.8 pounds. They worked a piece of bottom in Fire Island Inlet. Weakfishing continued very good during the week with live bait accounting for many big weaks. Herb Ziller checked in an 11 pounder on Thursday. It was taken on a sea bass. Same day, Ralph counted 4 big weaks to 12 pounds along with a couple of blues to 15 pounds which grabbed his live bunker. Ralph added that he has eliminated most of his bluefish cut-offs by going to 20 lb. test, black nylon coated leader material. The 20 lb. wire does not seem to turn off the weaks, according to Ralph. The situa-

tion was different on the weekend when few fish were landed. Some blues in the 5-6 pound range were trolled on umbrella rigs near the pound nets on Sunday. Best flounder fishing has been Squaw Island and Massapequa Cove areas with catches of 10 to 15 fish per man typical through most of the week. The Sore Thumb Pocket continues to produce a good mixed bag of porgies, sea bass, flounder, kingfish and blackfish. A few big snappers still lingering around the local docks.

Bob Rose of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** looked over a catch of 20 nice flounder including 6 in the two pound class made by Mario Lazzaro and Fred Herevia on Sunday. The pair fished the State Channel near Amityville using worms and clam chum. Fred Walters of the 'Reel Affair' called the shop via the radio to report he was doing a real good job on the flatties Monday morning in the State Channel. Mike Fuchs aboard his 'Impulse' this past Monday morning stopped to show a bunch of blackfish taken at Kismet on green crabs. Don Swanson checked in on Saturday with a 12.3 pound blackfish. It was caught at Kismet. Good weaks at the WR Buoy on Wednesday with live bunker working well here. Large bluefish occasionally mixed with them as well as at the inlet.

Speaking from **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera reported that Angelo Dituri aboard his 'Madness' trolled up some blues to 10 pounds on Friday. He used red tubes and worked the mouth of the inlet opposite Democrat Point. On Saturday, the crew aboard Frank Annabel's 'Joymaster' put away a bunch of blues from 10 to 15 pounds on jigs. They fished from the pound net to the inlet. Frank added that an east wind wiped out much of the weekend's fishing report. For those looking for fall flounder, Frank noted that the best reports have been coming from the west at Massapequa Cove, Four Corners and the Meadowbrook Bridge.

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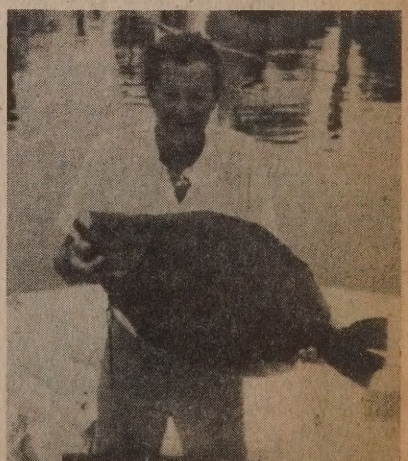

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The area was blessed with another week of rather inconsistent weather, which included several days of strong winds from various quarters. As a result, both inshore and offshore fishing would have to be called inconsistent in many instances due to lack of fish or lack of anglers. Strongest this week would seem to have been the bluefishing offshore and the mixed bags in the bay, although flounder due to the still warm waters have not yet made a generally strong fall showing.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

We learn from **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh of good catches of big blowfish on bloodworms on outgoing tide at Massapequa Cove, particularly the east side thereof. Flounder have been a fairly good item in Swift Creek and Merrick Bay on worm and chum while giant blues are being taken in the bay at dawn and dusk on live or chunk bait. This has been particularly good in the north part of Merrick Bay and around the Jones Beach piers. Also lots of small porgies and sea bass throughout the bay.

We hear from Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore that Gibbs plugs are accounting for some very good catches of 4 to 6 lb. blues off Cedar Beach. Customers have been getting good catches of flounder in Merrick Bay and just west of the High Flats Drain Bridge on worm and clam and lots of chum.

Over at **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick, Gary's customers reported some very good catches of flounder in Merrick Bay at Rowboat Alley and Nick's Point. Heavy on the clam chum was the ticket. Blackfishing continues strong at the Big M and Fundy Bridge on fiddlers while blues are being caught in the inlet area by trollers and chunkers. Lots of kings and sea bass at the Big M also.

Moving over to the Freeport Fleet, we hear from skipper Mike Dannon of the **Capt. Lou** that the all day boat has been having pretty good flounder catches on the days between wind storms. High hooks have been in the 30s with flatties up to 2¼ lbs. Also plenty of small sea bass mixed in. Mike says the flounder should increase tremendously in numbers as the water cools down. All action this week was local.

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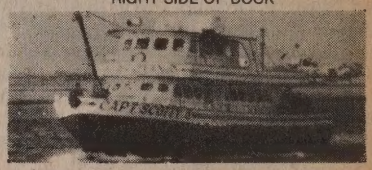

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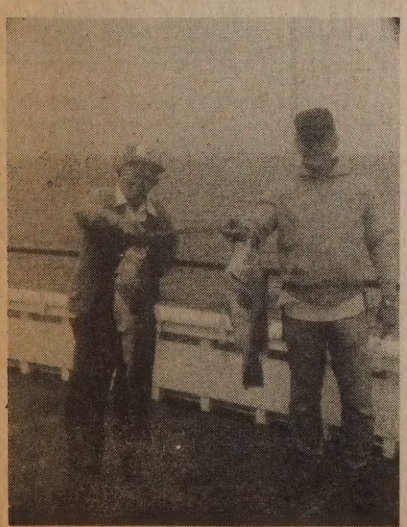
We've having some very decent floundering right now, said skipper Andy Chilemi of the **Captain Andy II**. Since Thursday action has increased quite a bit with fish running 3/4 to 1½ lbs.

A call from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J Fleet** told of some days this week fishing the bay when the weather was growling and fishing bluefish offshore with the weather and charter permitting. Inside it was sea bass, porgies and flounder with action fair to good and the flounder themselves picky and spread out. Bridge areas were best as were some of the deeper holes in the back. Bluefish action was both at Cholera on bait and off the beaches in shallow water on diamonds. Charters this week were for: Village Auto Service, T Cam Systems, NY, My Place-Your Place Pub, Richmond Hill, and South Side Carting, New Hyde Park.

Word from **Lou's Fishing Station** at the mouth of Woodcleft Canal, is that this week did not see a whole lot of fish or anglers offshore due to wind and sea conditions. However, on Sunday, big blues hit bait drifted out from anchored craft at Cholera. The Meadowbrook Bridge yielded catches of small sea bass, some good blackfish, sand porgies. Flounder improved some and catches ranged from fair to very good depending on who was fishing and where. Best spots were Swift Creek, the CG Cut and JB Piers area. Big weakfish at the southwest end of Swift Creek on live bunker or snapper, weaks running 8 to 10 lbs.

Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** found the bluefishing to be consistent this week, fishing bait day and night. The weekend saw 8 to 12 lb. bluefish caught while the fish are running considerably bigger at Cholera and particularly at 17 Fathoms at night. Customers on Sunday had 80 to 100 choppers, all big.



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Eleven-year-old John Bertuna with a 117 lb. hammerhead shark caught in 180' SW of Moriches Inlet aboard the "Scooter."

Bob at the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** reported good ocean bottom fishing for the Association's boats and for the **Super Spray II**. Sea bass, blacks and porgies continue to please. Cholera is producing a lot of bluefish and they're also being taken along the beaches by the trollers. At Mud Hole West bonito and albies are mixed into the bluefish catches.

In nearby Point Lookout we hear from Capt. Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout II** that the night bluefish trips will continue 7 nights a week as long as anglers keep coming down. Small crowds said the skipper and giant fish, with very good results most nights. On the flounder side, things have improved said Ron, with high hooks in the 20s on the half day trips. Tuesday AM Dr. Vic Levinson had 18, while Eric Gehm had 21. Wednesday AM regular Fred bagged a 2 lb. pool fish and on the PM trip, regular Irv Kreshner also scored with a 2 lb. pool winner. Thursday's PM trip had Tony Valani high hook with 23 flatties. Flounder have been showing in more spots than last week and the sea robins appear to be leaving.

Skipper Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** had good ocean bottom fishing early week, but then the three days of bad northwest winds put the screws to things. Sunday's action was not too good due to the huge roll. This causes the fish to move off the bottom and hover 10 to 20 feet over the wrecks, making hooking and catching very difficult. Bluefishing has been very good at Cholera during the days but the night bluefishing has been so-so.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** called the flounder action better this week with anglers taking mixed bags on worms in the Middle Bay area all around the top of the tide. Flounder, porgies, kings, sea bass and an occasional fluke are being taken. Big blues at the inlet and West Bar for chunkers and those trolling diamond jigs. Also, lots of 12 to 15 inch kingfish in the bay. There haven't been this many kingfish around for a long time said Tom. Some weaks off the local jetties on live baby blackfish. Sunday just SW of Cholera, 16 jumbo blues 15 to 18 lbs. was the score for Bruce Mulhouser on his boat, Sea Cruise II, on bait and chum. Bruce said he lost about a dozen fish to boot.

Over at **Ed's Fishing Station** we learned of some good blackfishing this week. Ken Maforth and Holger Lang, both of Queens, totaled 30 blacks to 3 lbs. on fiddlers at the Big M. Gary Stamile, brother Dennis and pal Adam, also bagged 30 blacks and 15 sea bass at the Big M. This trio is from Valley Stream and all catches were on fiddlers and clam. Jack Atwell, owner of the Sportsman's Cafe in Freeport took a 9½ lb. weak in Jones Inlet on Wednesday on live bunker. Best floundering has been in Swift Creek just off the CG station, a few in Reynolds, just east of the Loop bridge. Blues and weaks can pretty much be counted on to be accompanying any bunker schools you might stumble onto.

Over in Lynbrook, Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** told of Ed Yungk and Jimmy of Rosedale, on Saturday bagging 12 flounder to 2 lbs. at Garrett's Lead, one a yellowtail. Steve Podlaski and John Overs of Lynbrook working the Jones Inlet/CG Station area Wednesday trolled 8 blues, 10 to 14 lbs. on umbrellas aboard their boat, Joint Effort II. Flounder have picked up a bit in different areas, but chumming is an absolute must. Blackfishing has been a very good item at the bridges and jetties on fiddlers, green and clams.

NEW YORK BIGHT

We hear from Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in Howard Beach of very good bluefishing off both the north and south channel bridges on live or chunked bunker. Also a lot of bass being caught and returned. Big blues off the Rockaway surf. Good blackfishing off both bridges on fiddlers and flounder a little improved. A 13 lb. 10 oz. weak was taken off the north channel bridge on a chunk by Joey Bluemke. An 8½ lb. blue committed suicide on a bunker fillet offered by Ben Metias off the North Channel Bridge also. Vince Bidame fishing live bunker from the south channel bridge, was very pleased with the following catch: 15½ lb. weak, 11¼ lb. weak, 10 and 17½ lb. blues. Way to go, Vince!

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, the open boat **Helen H** has been having super catches for the last two weeks of bluefish at night with fish all giants at

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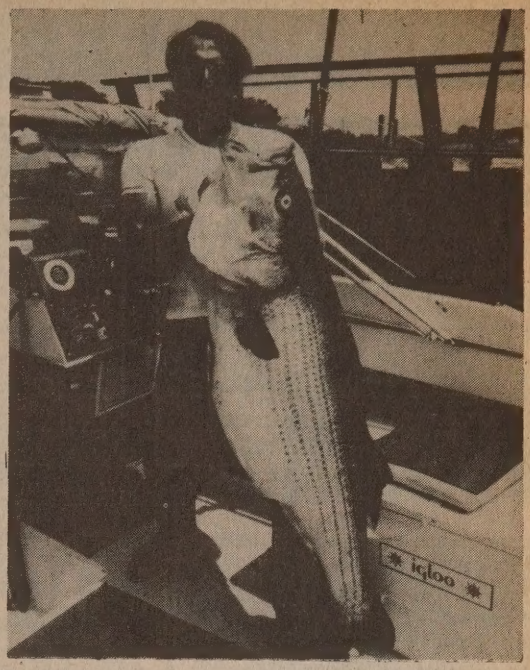

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We learn from Capt. Walt of the **Flamingo III** that several days were lost this week due to weather. On the other days, catches were spotty, but at times were very good. Large blues have been available on bait and chum at 17 fathoms or at offshore Seabright but the quantities and areas have not remained steady, with fish moving back and forth. Other fish have been jigged averaging 4 to 7 lbs. or larger which are moving around and having to be located. There have been some fair and some good days and albies and bonito have been mixed in.

At **Mike's Tackle** across from the fleet, Charlie advises that the blackfishing has been good this past week with jumbo bluefish at 17 Fathoms and the fluking fair. Inside Sheepshead Bay on spearing there are big snappers and big mackerel to 2 lbs. along with porgies, lafayettes and flounder. Even striped bass going 12 to 26 inches are being caught on clam and then, of course, released. Two customers fished off one of the piers and had nearly 100 porgies.

North Shore REPORT
with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Warm water kept summer species, blues and porgies, in the news in all areas. Mid-Sound temperatures were fifty-eight to sixty degrees farenheit while the Mattituck Inlet area had temperatures of sixty-four degrees down to twenty feet as late as Saturday, despite easterly winds. These pesky breezes gave a rough ride to most large craft and kept the small craft off open waters for much of the weekend, however.

WESTERN SOUND

Jim DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** reported that Orchard Beach had a good break out of bluefish action with fish in the five to eight pound range. Bunker chunking was the rule. There were plenty of catch and release stripers to fifteen pounds, and the party boats, **Apache** and **North Star** continued to do well on porgies. Pea Island had some tautog in the three to five pound class, and the station was already seeing some flounder.

Phil Nasi at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** said that Pryble had a good blast of blues to eight pounds on Thursday night, while Morgan's had larger fish over ten. This was all on bunkers, but Thursday saw a school of smaller fish off the Center Island beach for those who were slinging artificials. Tom Owens was repeatedly into bass up to thirty pounds fishing in the harbors while Crescent Beach had schoolies to ten pounds taken on Kastmasters.

Pete Pearson reported a good day of fishing Sunday on the **Klondike VIII** in local waters. During the week there were plenty of three to fifteen pound blues in the Stratford area. Saturday was picky in the sloppy easterlies.

Ralph Forillo told us that **Young America** was catching a lot of nice porgies in the one pound class in the western Sound and that there were tautog to four pounds mixed in. Fishing was in thirty foot depths around Matinecock Point and Hempstead Harbor. Sailing time is now 7:30 daily.

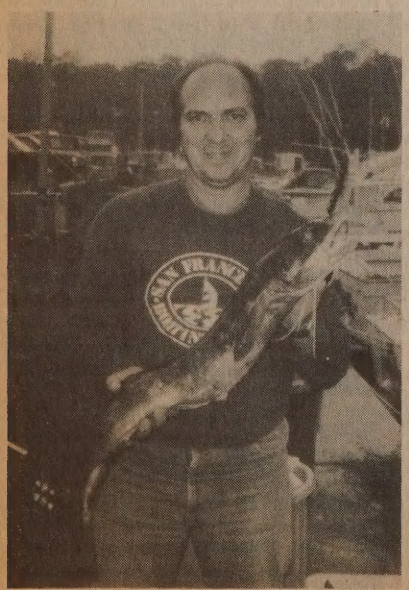
Carl Giangrande said that the **Reliable** out of the Hutchinson River was finding good blackfishing all over despite a rough weekend. The best pool fish of the weekend was around five and a half pounds, and those fishing soft bait also had scup in their catch. The boat was fishing from Eatons to Larchmont.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Most of George Valentine's reports at **Four Winds** came from the early part of the week. Harbors had large bluefish to eighteen pounds until Thursday with some of the best action in the late afternoon off Sand City as well. There was good porgy fishing off 11B when you could get there. After catching a tagged fish himself earlier this year, Dick Reese got a chance to tag some bass of his own recently. His best was Tom Slade's thirty-three inch, twenty pounder, taken while worm trolling.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** liked bunker chunking for local slammers in the river and harbors, but said that there were still plenty of four to five pound bluefish off the Obstruction Buoy and Eatons. One thirty-five footer fishing off 11B had a nice catch of ten tautog despite Saturday's blow. Green crabs fished some three miles north of the Coast Guard Station and south of the bell buoy were the ticket now.

At the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson**, Tim Caraftis was figuring on keeping boats in the water for another week. There were plenty of sand-to-medium-sized scup in the harbor, but fishing for the larger fish



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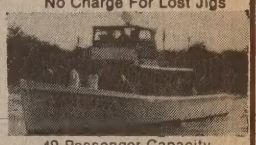

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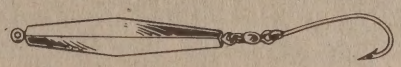

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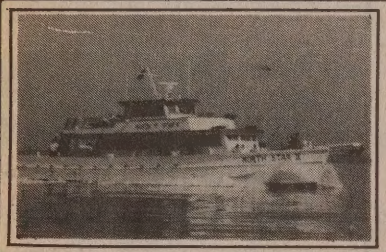

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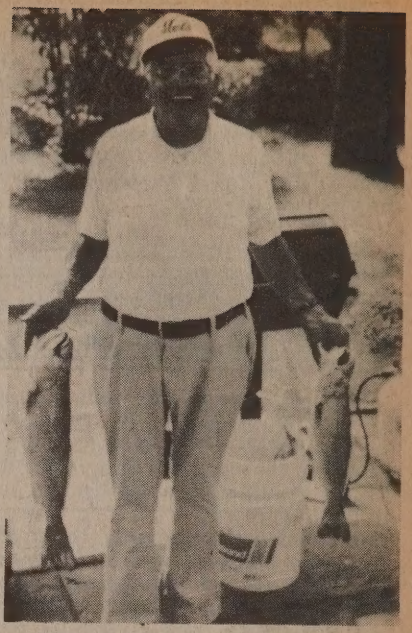

Nick Stagnitta with a brace of weaks to 7.3 lbs. taken aboard the Pt. Jeff based "Prowler" back on July 7th.

outside was inconsistent. Tautog action was very good off Oldfield and Cranes when you could get out, and the most consistent shore angling was the chunking activity on blues.

Easterlies put the kibosh on small boats around Mount Sinai, according to **Ralph's Fishing Station**, but the Davenports will keep boats in the water until November. The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** suggested trying Cedar Beach for early flounder and Cranes Neck for small blues. There were also catch-and-release action on school bass around Herrod Point.

John Alberda of **Sound Charter's TJ** called to say that it's practically guaranteed to see bass to sixteen pounds mixed in with the bluefish now. He's chartering for catch-and-release bass trips for the month ahead. Sunday's trip was a porgy excursion for Andy Fromia's party with some large scup to two and a half pounds. The group also had a good bite of tautog on soft bait with the best fish going about five pounds.

Roy Cash said that the **Port Jeff Ace** managed to pull the weekend out despite the weather with a pick of porgies, blackfish and sea bass. Smithtown was producing on outgoing water and the spots on the Middle Grounds were solid on the incoming when conditions permitted. Porgy action in the latter areas was solid on one and a quarter pound fish, and there were quite a few over two and a half pounds. Margie Cash had the trophy scup of the season for the whole area, a four pound, four ounce humpback, taken last Wednesday. Cash said that his brother Bruce on the **Prowler** had some fine bluefishing and bottom fishing for his charters, too, including one party with Bob Rochetta.

NORTH FORK

There was an excellent burst of blues around Mattituck Inlet on Saturday, according to Ed Kopack at **Warren's**. Fish taken by chunkers were typically six to eight pounds with a few larger choppers. Fishing with lures was generally a waste of time. Best porgy action reported was north of Plum Island, with some Sound catches around the inlet and the Northville Pipe.

Phil Loria was wrapping things up at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk**, but he saw one nice catch of thirty porgies from a boat in the Robins Island zone on Saturday, despite the northeast chop.

This may be the last weekend coming up for the **Mattituck Fishing Station**. Charlie Caraftis saw some quantity catches of scup, though sizes were not up to the measure of some weeks ago. However, these were shallow water catches after two days of easterly winds, and the fifty to sixty foot depths off the motel will be worth looking at in a week or two. Water temperatures are still sixty-four degrees at the surface and down to about twenty feet.

The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** will keep going for awhile. The Petersens are looking at the first flounder near the inlet on worms and clam bait. The **Port of Egypt** in **Southold** will also be open into November.

Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** said that the **Brand X** and **Peconic Star** are now making the transition from porgies to blackfish with very good fishing on both species. Scup sizes are still mixed, a sign that there are plenty of jumbos ahead. The WeGo had a big catch of bluefish with a pair of slammers of thirteen and a quarter and fifteen pounds aboard. Three bass were caught and released as well. Rod DeLisle's **Prowler** had a big haul of blues for Walt Rustkowicz and the best slammer from the Gut weighed seventeen pounds. There were now flounder in the Gull Pond area as well as west of Orient.

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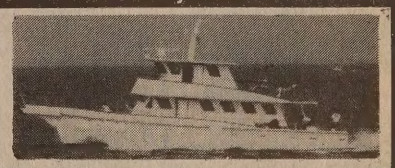

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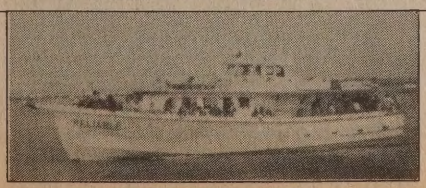

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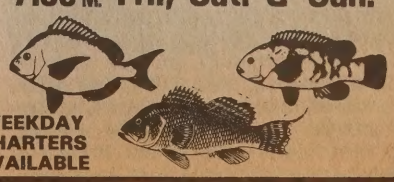

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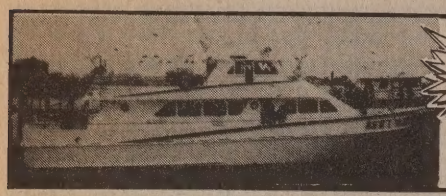

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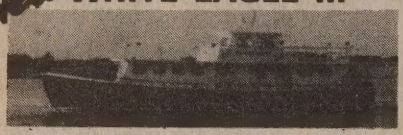

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Surf REPORT

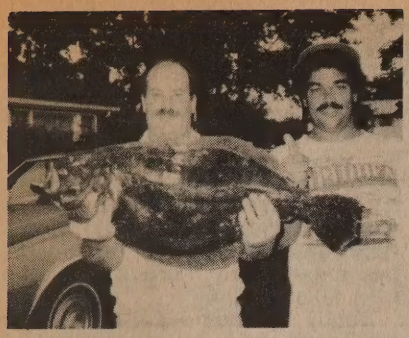
with Fred Golofaro

was somewhat frustrated by a good week of fishing and poor weather on the weekend. A few anglers out of the crowds on Saturday and Sunday had respectable catches with pool tautog running around 6 lbs. To get away from the heave, the boat spent much of Sunday off to one side of the Gut and caught surprisingly well there.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** continued to do well on blues in the area with steady catches on jigging trips. Typical choppers are 6.12 lbs., but there are now quite a few school bass to 10 mixing in. On bottom charters, scup are still the main attraction in mixed sizes with a few large ones. Tautog were only starting by Jensen's standards and sizes will be moving up as well.

The cold weather that slid into our area early last week resulted in a flurry of surf action through the first part of the week along many South Shore beaches as well as on the East End. The easterly blow which swept in late in the week shut down the action in some areas but resulted in some excellent fishing in other places. In general it was a good week to put in plenty of time on the beach. Here's how this week's surf picture shaped up.

Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk** reported good action all week long with lots of bluefish taken right up through Friday and a showing of big bass beginning Thursday night. Concerning the bass news, John Hatchedorian nailed two fish in the mid-thirty pound range on Thursday night along with a couple of smaller fish. He also reported losing two fish to straightened hooks. Dennis O'Connel connected on Sunday night with a 40 pounder and paired it with a 26 pounder. Yellow darters



Robert Parrino used a whole squid to catch this huge 14.1 lb. doormat fluke off of Lloyd's Neck. Photo courtesy of Four Winds Tackle in Huntington.

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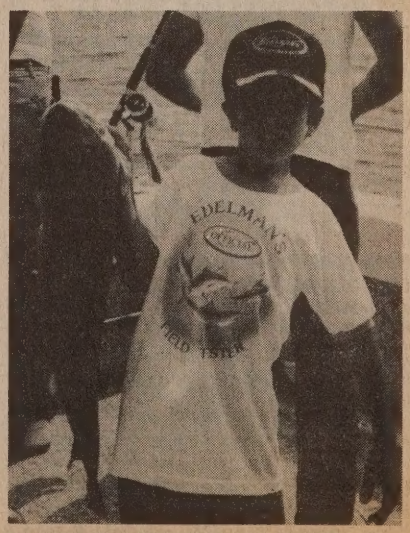
were the ticket. Bluefish have been all over the point with the choppers showing at Gin Beach and Shagwong, North Bar to the Light, Ditch Plains and the South Side. Many of the fish this week were larger than in previous weeks with 7 to 13 pound blues dominating the action. Concerning the weekend action, which was considerably off from the rest of the week, John knew of blues taken up front Saturday morning and along Gin Beach and Shagwong on Sunday. Saturday's strong east wind and heavy seas was responsible for the diminished action.

Casters working the point at night got in some banner innings with school bass, blues and an occasional weakfish at the Point. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights all produced good action. On Tuesday night, East End Surf Club Members Glen Just and Don Meola counted over 30 bass for their efforts under the Light. Most ranged between 8 and 12 pounds but Glen did manage to hang on to one fish that weighed in at 35 pounds before being released. On Wednesday night, bass dominated the action again until late in the tide when blues in the 10 pound class moved into the rips. Phil Holowinski, Mark Reuschel and Ray Corbett took many bass and blues during the course of the day and night. Phil added two nice weakfish as well. Needlefish plugs and darters produced best.

The beaches around Shinnecock Inlet also enjoyed some life as a result of the cold snap. Steve Bunai and John Paduano managed several mid-teen stripers during the week in this area. There were also reports of school bass to 15 pounds picked along Westhampton beaches on Sunday despite the unsettled surf.

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** reported bass of mixed sizes scattered along both sides of Moriches Inlet, Smith Point and FINS. Big blues were taken on both sides of Moriches Inlet, at the Inlet proper on Friday and Saturday. Fish ranged from 10 to 15 pounds and were taken on plugs. Paul also relayed word that Jerry Horn managed his first bass ever on Thursday afternoon. It was taken at Smith Point in front of the Pavillion on a bottle plug. The fish checked out on a Chatillon scale at 32 pounds. Paul added that big blues continue to be taken along the open beach on bunker chunks after dark.

The Fire Island area produced some wild fishing in recent days with big blues the primary source of the action. Prior to all the bluefish activity, there was a good showing of bass early in the week. Marty Beer had a 26 pound striper at Democrat Point on a popping plug. He had several lesser fish as well. He also used a popper to take a 17 pound striper near Gilgo on Friday. Jerry Bernard did a good job on bass, including a 25 pounder in the same area on Tuesday. Mark Reuschel came away with a 35 pound striper, also taken on a popping plug Tuesday evening. The biggest striper to come from this area was culled from an onslaught of slammer blues late Sunday night. It was taken by Jack 'The Painter' Murray on a yellow bottle plug and weighed 42 pounds. Mike Campanelli who weighed Jack's fish reported that at least one other



Wayne King Jr. hefts a cod he caught aboard his dad's Montauk charter boat, "King Wayne" back in August. It weighed 18 lbs.

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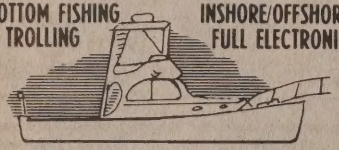

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good bass was picked from among the big blues.

Concerning the bluefish, the Cedar Bar was alive on Friday night, Saturday morning, late Saturday night and late Sunday night as teen sized blues assaulted bunker chunks, bottle plugs, darters and poppers. Dave Canale said that during the night on Saturday it was impossible to put a bait or plug in the water without an immediate response from a big blue. The largest he saw go on a scale weighed 19¾ pounds but added that he saw other fish beached that looked larger. He and Sal Pantaleone were among those who cashed in on Saturday night's action and spent Sunday massaging sore arms.

Mike Campanelli, a member of L.I. Surf Fishing Association, said that bottle plugs and darters accounted for good action on Sunday night as well. He quit after a half dozen blues to 17½ pounds.

Saturday evening was very picky at the Cedar Bar but it was good enough for newcomer Mike Difede. Mike landed his surf fish ever, a 14 pound chopper and later paired it with a second fish. Both were taken on pencil poppers.

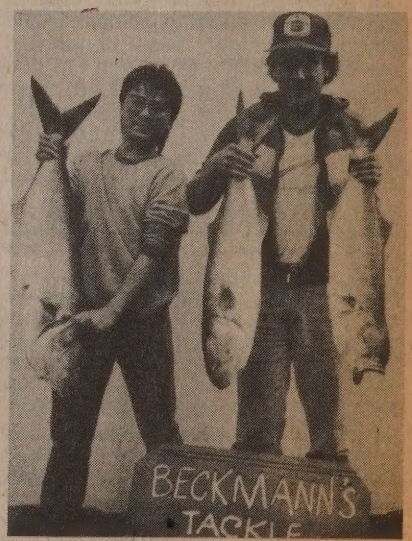
Some impressive weakfish fell to casters tossing bunker chunks in Fire Island inlet this week. Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** put tiderunners of 12¾, 12½ and 11½ pounds on the scale for John 'The Baptist' on Thursday. Mike also thought highly of a 12 pound blue taken Saturday afternoon at Robert Moses Field 4 by Ken Ricketts. Ken is 64 years young and hounds the beaches regularly. He used a Hopkins for his chopper. Mike also relayed word of bass of 30 and 20 inches taken Saturday morning from a local beach by Sonny Yocum. They too were taken on tin.

Bobby Sprenger at **Captree Bait and Tackle** put a very impressive 13.7 pound weakfish on the scale for Tony Zientek on Thursday. It was taken in Fire Island Inlet on a bunker chunk. Big blues also showed up at the Jones Beach piers this week and created havoc with some unsuspecting anglers more intent on flounder than teen sized bluefish.

Bobby Turturello at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh** reported some weakfish being picked on bunker chunks at Point Lookout. "Giant blues continue to harass bunker inside Jones Inlet from the back side of West End 2 back to the fishing piers. Quite a few school bass being taken at West End with a 7" Bomber being particularly hot in recent weeks.

From **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** in **Lynbrook**, Charlie Beckmann relayed word of a 46 pound striper taken at West End—Jones Beach Friday morning. Robert Semick of Lindenhurst took the cow on a Kastmaster. It was weighed and witnessed by two other anglers before being released. Charlie added that there has been consistently good action with blues and school bass at Point Lookout, Long Beach and Atlantic Beach.

While many casters are concen-



Simon Chan and Tom Foster with three blues to 19.6 lbs. taken at Cedar Beach on bunker chunks and large Rebels. "Many others were dropped," according to Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook.

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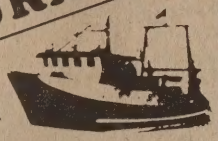
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trating their efforts along South Shore beaches and on the East End, there are still plenty of bass and blues to be had on North Shore beaches. Phil Nasi at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** said that North Shore beaches have had blues to 10 pounds. Most of the fish are being caught on bunker chunks at Pryble and Morgans Beach. There were small blues for casters throwing plugs at Center Island on Thursday.

Rob Osinski called to report a lot of blues to 12 pounds near Long Beach along the Smithtown bayshore. Tuesday was particularly hot. Among the casters getting in on the action was Mark Lanfranchi.

Stan Hentschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that since last week's cold snap blues to 12 and 13 pounds were responding to plugs as well as bunker chunks. Monday morning (10/13) saw a good showing of 12 pound blues at Hallock Landing on poppers. Big blues also being taken to the east between Mattituck and Hortons with most casters still preferring bunker chunks here. A decent number of school bass along beaches between Rocky Point and Wading River. The mouth of Wading River Creek has been particularly productive for fish to 8 or 9 pounds on 5½" swimming plugs, like the Redfin, Hellcat and Rebel.

A couple of reminders before we throw in the towel. The Fisherman sponsored Surf Bluefish Derby is slated for Saturday and Sunday (October 18th and 19th). You can still register in person at Captree or Jones Beach Bait Shops. Deadline for in person registration is Friday. The mail-in deadline has expired. The largest bluefish taken over the weekend between Jones Beach and Robert Moses will earn some lucky caster $500. If you are competing in this year's event, make it a point to be at the Awards Ceremony at Captree on Sunday afternoon. Just look for the tent.

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Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Solid action with lunker sized largemouth bass heads this week's report. Quite a few big fish were weighed in considering that angling pressure has been minimal. Pickerel have also been on a feeding spree while trout and panfishing remained consistent.

Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**, reports that the freshwater fishing is beginning to wind down in the western sector. Not too many anglers have been out on the lakes but those who have, continue to pick away at small bass in Hempstead Lake and Grant Park.

Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, George informs us that Mill Pond pickerel and small to medium sized bass have been hitting with a

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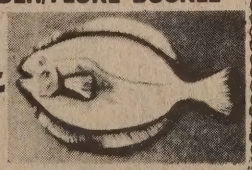

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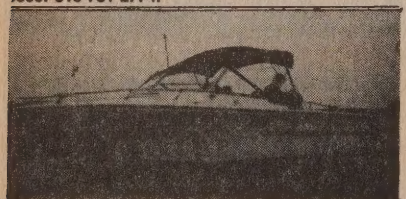

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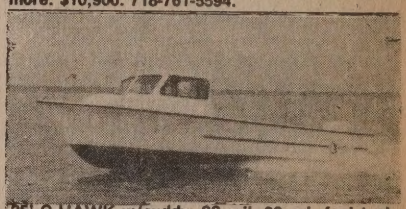

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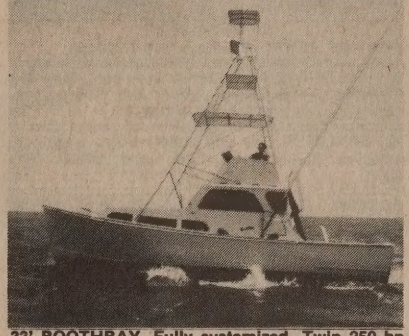

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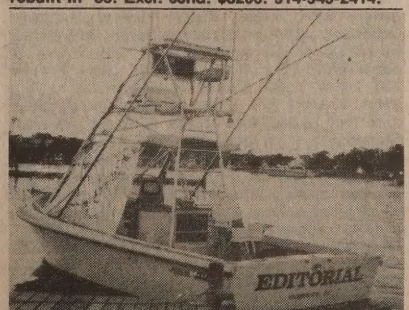

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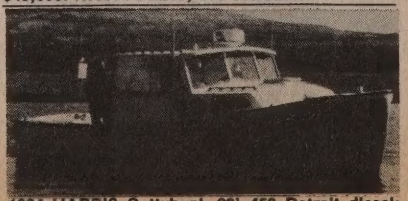

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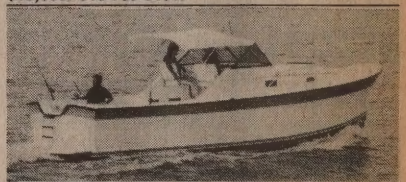

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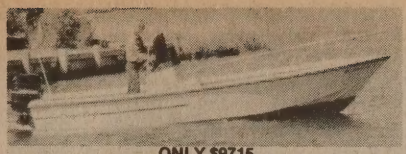

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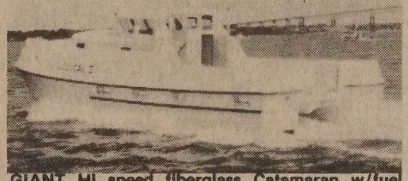

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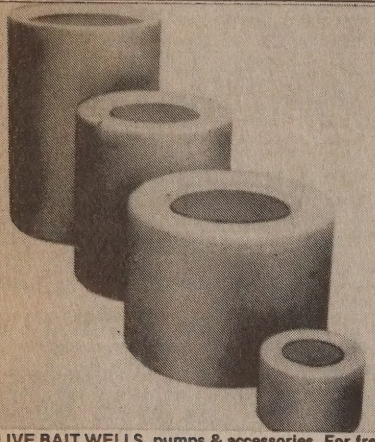

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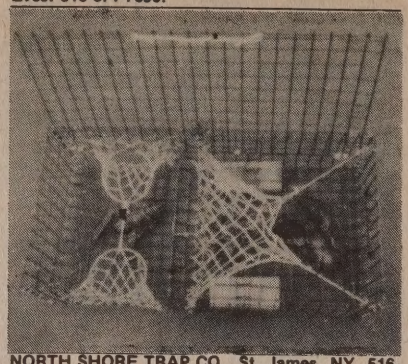

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vengence every night over the last week. Anglers working live killies just before dark are scoring best. Carp fishing in the Milll Pond has also been productive of late with corn or bread baits accounting for a lot of medium sized fish. In the North Twin Lake, the fishing has been a little slower but the bass have been mostly keepers with some really nice fish culled out. A few pickerel have been mixed in these catches. Again, live killies are the ticket. An interesting side note: George told us that freshwater anglers working the Mill Pond have reported seeing bunker shooting up the spillway, presumably chased by big bluefish.

From his shop near the banks of **Lake Ronkonkoma**, Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters**, told us that bass fishing has been hard to monitor. Not very many anglers were on the big lake this week. The few who did stop by the shop reported taking a couple of small bass but nothing spectacular.

According to Rod DiGiacomo of **J&R Sports Center**, **Oakdale**, bass fishing in the Islip area was real good over the past week with anglers scoring well in local lakes. The biggest bass checked in this week was taken by Rob Ciafarelli in a Islip lake he would not name and weighed in at six pounds. Rob also told Rod that he broke off even larger fish during the week. All of this action was on artificials. As usual, there are some small trout and an occasional sea-run fish being taken in Rattlesnake Creek and Bubbles Falls. Fishing inside Connetquot River State Park has been fair to good.

From **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue**, we learned that the bass fishing in Patchogue Mill Pond has been very productive. Several decent fish were reported this week including one that tipped the scales at six pounds. I spoke to one angler who works the same area and was told that aside from the bass, pickerel and yellow perch are also feeding well here. Yellow and white streamer flies trolled slowly behind a dingy produced a mess of perch to eleven inches for the angler who asked not to be identified.

Out east at the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, Mrs. Devlin relayed word that the strech of Peconic River immediately behind the shop was alive with pickerel and bass up to three pounds this weekend. On Saturday, despite having to deal with a difficult wind for fishing this strech of water, several boats scored well. Leading the way was Ken Johnson and son who nailed ten pickerel and six bass to three pounds on Rooster Tail lures. A few fish were also taken in the deeper sections of Forge Pond on spinnerbaits worked just above the bottom.

Finally, last week I neglected to mention that George Rose of Coram got in a little fishing on the Yaphank lakes before work one morning and connected with a six pound largemouth.

Scott Paskoff Hefts fluke of 3.10 and 5.7 lbs. taken aboard the family boat, "Savior Faire." They were taken back in July off of Horton's Point.

Jim Castagna shows porgies of 2.3 and 2 lbs. caught by Jim and Charlie Hart in Southold Bay. The fish were weighed at Port of Egypt in Southold.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	7:30	7:50	8:20	8:40	8:05	8:25	9:00	9:25	11:30	11:55	10:55	11:20	7:15	7:35	10/16
FRI.	8:10	8:25	9:00	9:20	8:45	9:05	9:40	10:05	—	12:10	11:35	11:55	7:55	8:15	10/17
SAT.	8:45	9:05	9:35	9:55	9:25	9:45	10:15	10:45	12:35	12:40	—	12:15	8:35	8:55	10/18
SUN.	9:20	9:40	10:10	10:35	10:00	10:20	10:55	11:20	1:10	1:15	12:40	12:55	9:15	9:35	10/19
MON.	9:55	10:20	10:50	11:15	10:40	11:00	11:30	—	1:45	1:40	1:15	1:30	9:55	10:15	10/20
TUES.	10:30	11:00	11:25	11:50	11:20	11:45	12:05	12:10	2:10	2:05	1:55	2:10	10:35	10:55	10/21
WED.	11:10	11:40	—	12:10	11:55	—	12:45	1:00	2:40	2:35	2:40	2:50	11:20	11:40	10/22
THURS.	11:50	—	12:35	12:55	12:35	12:40	1:30	1:40	3:20	3:15	3:20	3:35	—	12:05	10/23

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/16	7:14	6:17
FRI. 10/17	7:15	6:15
SAT. 10/18	7:16	6:13
SUN. 10/19	7:17	6:11
MON. 10/20	7:18	6:10
TUE. 10/21	7:19	6:09
WED. 10/22	7:20	6:08

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/16	5:45PM	5:45AM
FRI. 10/17	6:10PM	6:50AM
SAT. 10/18	6:30PM	7:55AM
SUN. 10/19	6:55PM	9:00AM
MON. 10/20	7:30PM	10:05AM
TUE. 10/21	8:05PM	11:10AM
WED. 10/22	8:50PM	12:10PM

Moon Phases

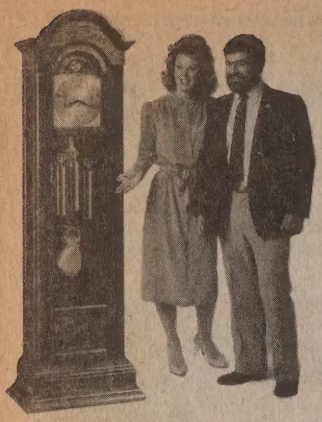
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
10/3	10/10	10/17	10/25

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	4:20	**10:20**	4:30	**10:45**
Fri.	5:00	**11:00**	5:10	**11:20**
Sat.	5:35	**11:50**	6:00	**—**
Sun.	6:25	**12:10**	6:45	**12:35**
Mon.	7:15	**1:05**	7:40	**1:25**
Tues.	8:05	**1:55**	8:35	**2:20**
Wed.	9:00	**2:50**	9:30	**3:15**
Thurs.	9:50	**3:40**	10:25	**4:10**



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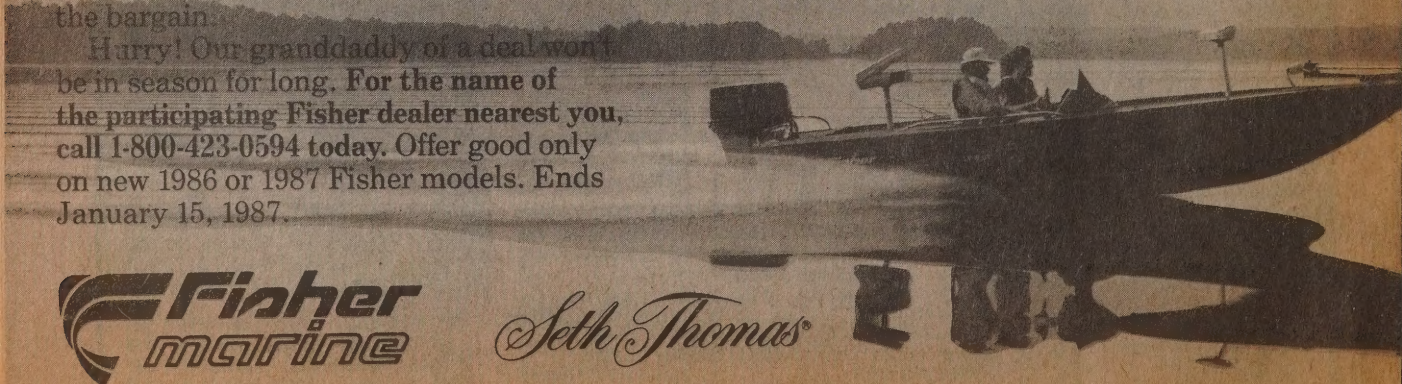

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